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The palace at Windsor is justly pronounced peerless among palaces Its gothic fane, its broad terraces, its silver belting river, its sylvan groves and its massive circumference of towers, render it a fit home for England's majesty. Nor has it ever witnessed a more gallant court than that which attended the proud Elizabeth, that last and most vindictive of the Tudor race. One morning, about a year after the commencement of our story, there was an unusual stir in the courts, and at an early hour, the yeomen of the guard, in their gorgeous liveries, were grouped around the lower gate. Soon a cloud of dust was seen approaching, and a carriage passed the drawbridge, in which were two men—one was Sir Walter Raleigh, and the other Manteo, lord of Roanoke. Behind them came other carriages, in which were the principal officers of the expedition just returned. Raleigh was then in the prime of life, and looked, in his magnificent attire, like a sovereign. His form was erect, his eye clear, his complexion fair, and his small white hand, studded with gems, peeped out from the lace ruffles of his velvet doublet. Brave in war, accomplished in literature, sagacious in council, he well merited the salute with which the culverins of the curfew tower welcomed him, while the yeomen lowered their halberds as he passed the warden's lodge.

The queen was waiting her minister's coming in the great hall of St. George, at one extremity of which her throne was placed upon a platform. Age had robbed her of what little beauty she had once possessed, but no art had been neglected to heighten her charms. She wore a dress of white brocade satin, embroidered with gold, and a girdle of precious stones encircled her waist A small crown surmounted her bright red hair, and in her ears were costly diamond pendants. On either side of her were her maidens, all standing, and employed in embroidery of fancy needle work. At the other extremity of the hall were the high officers of state, richly attired, and bearing the symbols of their stations.

"The lord proprietor of Virginia and the lord of Roanoke crave an audience," said the usher of the gold rod, bending his knee before the throne.

"Admit the masquers," said the queen. "And you, my maidens, can sit upon your benches, after the sport commences." All eyes were turned towards the door, but instead of a troop of masquers, Sir Walter Raleigh entered, with a slow and stately step, leading Manteo by the hand. A sailor who had been so fortunate as to master the Indian dialect during the voyage, followed at a respectable distance.

Advancing to the foot of the throne, Raleigh knelt, his companion following his example, and said, in a musical tone:

"Permit me to present to your majesty one on whom, by virtue of my charter, I have ennobled as England's ally—Lord of Roanoke.

"By my sceptre," exclaimed the queen, evidently pleased with the conceit, "I confirm the act. Rise my Lord of Roanoke, and you, my trusty Raleigh. But where is the proprietor of Virginia, who was just announced? That, to me is an unknown land."

"It was, may it please your majesty," replied Raleigh; "but the vessel of your humble servant having discovered its excellencies, I have presumed to name it in honor of that virgin monarch, whose smile is the sunlight of her subjects."

"A quaint conceit, my lord proprietor—and so this is a Virginian. He is a goodly looking heathen, albeit of a copper hue."

"Which is more apparent when contrasted with the snowy neck of his queen. But will your majesty examine the productions of Virginia?"

Assent was graciously accorded, and the presents were brought forward for the curious examination of the queen and her attendants. Fragrant tobacco, golden ears of maize, the basket of potatoes, and a variety of articles of Indian apparel, curiously wrought with porcupine quills, were in turn handled. At times the queen propounded questions to Manteo, and his answers, as interpreted, were much to the point, but at last, while Raleigh was conversing apart with the lord chancellor, an unlucky question was put.

"Ask him," said the queen, with a conceited smile, "who is the most beautiful lady in this hall"

The honest sailor translated the question, and Manteo's reply:

"He says that he knows not which to prefer, of the two ladies in blue at your right."

"God's mercy!" exclaimed the vixen daughter of Henry the Eighth, with suppressed rage; "are these immodest wantons, with their shameless glances, to make a parade of their enticements before our court?"

"May it please your majesty," interrupted Raleigh, who had heard the unlucky remark, while the innocent maidens of honor shrunk away to conceal their shame.

"No apologies, my lord! Elizabeth asks no one to apologize; but you may take away this filthy savage. Faugh! his presence is insupportable."

To hear was to obey, and Raleigh left the hall, accompanied by Manteo, who was somewhat astonished at not having received a present, as he had been told he would. Ere Raleigh could caution the interpreter, however, the savage learned wherein he offended, and for once a grim smile stole over his features.

"He wishes me to tell you," said the interpreter, "that he thought the mighty squaw told the truth, and that she had intended to offer him the choice of her attendants. But Manteo cannot lie. He cannot look upon the leafless tree, and say it is a vigorous sapling—the fruit of the wild apple is not a beautiful blossom.

"Say to him," replied Raleigh, "that the truth cannot always be spoken among us who are civilized. But he need not be discomforted He shall yet be 'Lord of Roanoke.'"

Another year had passed, and again the canoes had assembled for their sea shore feast But there was one sad heart among them. Netawis—the beautiful Netawis, was to be given away as a wife to Mamoyeh, the chief of the Secotans. Her father, propitiated by gifts of an iron hatchet and a pack of furs, had forgotten his compact with Manteo.

The hour appointed for the nuptials had arrived, and the friends of the bride prepared to escort her to the wigwam which was to be her home. All at once a large canoe was seen to approach the inlet, and with a bound, a richly attired man landed on the shore. He wore a fanciful European costume, but his face was not pale, he had no beard, and as he approached the council-fire he gave the well known cry of the Roanokes. It was Manteo!

Netawis heard the cry in her wigwam, followed by the shout of welcome. A cold dew burst from her forehead at the sound of the well known voice, and she sank back upon her couch, motionless and gasping for breath. Soon a loved form darkened the doorway, and Manteo entered, exclaiming:

"I have come for my bride. Let her return with me to the wigwam where I left my mother, and enjoy the gifts I have brought her."

Nearly two centuries passed away, and the State in which the scene of our story has been laid, paid homage to the first European friend of America, by calling its capital 'the city of Raleigh."

An Irish printer declared in an Irish journal, that, among other portraits, he has a representation of 'Death as large as life.'

I have very little respect for the 'ties' of this world, as the chap said when the rope was around his neck.

'Come, rest in this bosom,' as the turkey said to the stuffing.

The oddest husbrandry we know, is when a man in clover marries a woman in weeds.

[From Harper's Magazine]

The Fate of the First Auronaut.

The church-yard of the village of Wimille, about four miles north of Boulogne-sur-Mer, skirts the imperial road to Calais. Just at the middle of the boundary-wall a stone tablet rises, inscribed with small capitals, and surmounted at the top with something which is very like a petrified cauliflower. It is meant to represent a balloon on fire. The inscription (in French) runs to the following effect: "In this cemetery are interred Francois Pilatre de Rosier and Pierre Ange Romain, who, desiring to pass over to England in an air balloon, in which they had combined the agency of fire and of inflamable air, by an accident, whose veritable cause will always remain unknown, the fire having caught the upper part of the balloon, they fell from the height of more than five thousand feet between Wimereux and the sea."

The inscription is repeated in a Latin duplicate, for the benefit of traveling strangers who do not understand French. The said travelers are also apostrophized: "Passers-by, mourn their lot, and pray God for the repose of their souls!" Annual masses for their souls' repose, at the date corresponding to their rapid descent, were founded in the parish church of Wimille; whether or not the ninety-three revolution swept away the masses, I can not say. The Cure would give an answer to those who wish to know. Their lot was mournful; but even stronger than our pity is the feeling which urges us to find out how the deuce it happened. I resolved to try what could be done to that effect, and at last made out a theory which may, or may not, be the true one.

The church-yard memorial was not the only one that was raised to mark the horrible catastrophe. In the camp of Wimereux, just behind the Cafe du Petit Caporal, which is next door to Estaminet du Ballon, a small obelisk of marble from the neighboring quarries of Ferques, built without any, or with the least possible mortar, and not more than eight or nine feet high, rises on the spot where the aeronauts were dashed to the ground. When I first knew it, it stood in solitude in the midst of a grassy, down-like waste, half undermined by moles, and almost pushed off its pedestal by the cattle, who used it as a rubbing post. The parties that seemed to favor it with the longest notice were the mushrooms who peeped above-ground from time to time, some singly, some in little family groups of three or four, but all apparently considering, under their broad-brimmed hats, whether it would not be an act of charity to the memory of the deceased, to surround their half-ruined monument with a railing. That also bears its record, in French, supplying a few additional particulars: "Here fell from the height of more than five thousand feet, at thirty-five minutes past seven, in the morning, the unfortunate aeronauts Pilatre de Rosier and Romain the elder, who started from Boulogne at five minutes after seven, in the morning of the fifteenth of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-five. The first was found dead upon the spot; the second gave a few signs of life during one or two minutes."

The best means, I thought, of solving the problem of their fall, was to find up any persons who had witnessed it. I was more fortunate than might have been expected, with an event occurring sixty years ago. In a hamlet to the north of Wimereux, I found an old woman more than a hundred years old, who had seen the balloon ascend from Boulonge She was dozing and dreaming over a fire of dry furze, staring at the sparks with her filmy eyes. I wonder whether she could see with those eyes, even after she turned them on me as I entered her hovel.

"What do you want with me?" she said, in a voice that belonged to the other world. "You don't know me, and I don't know you. I'm of no use to any body, now."

"But I know you," my companion said. And then he began to talk about their acquaintance, and then about the obelisk, and then about Pilatre de Rosier.

"I saw him and his friend go up," she said, suddenly waking, as if inspired. "I was close to them He was a handsome man, and looked so smiling. As the balloon rose, he saluted and bowed to all the people, and waved his flags continually in this way, so, until he had mounted quite high in the sky." And then she suited the action to the word, waving her arms in imitation of poor De Rosier. My arms then were not like this," she continued, pulling the skin which hung loosely about them. "I had handsome arms once. Yes; he waved his arms so." And then she fell again into her dreamy state, the precursor of the long sleep of death, from which nothing could rouse her. All the further information we could extract was, that he waved his arms, *comme ca*, and that hers were once handsome arms.

It struck me that the excellent Museum at Boulonge might contain some relics of this tragical tumble. I found them there, and better than them. Monsieur Duburquoy, senior, an intelligent old man, the father of the present well-informed curator of the museum, was at Wimereux when the aeronauts fell, and helped to lift them from the ground. He was thirteen years of age at the time. He told me that De Rosier, quite dead, had one of his legs broken, and that the bone pierced through the tight-fitting trowsers; and that Romain heaved three or four deep sighs, and then expired. He picked up a piece of bread, partially eaten, that fell with them. A bottle of wine, that had been uncorked, and had a glass or two drunk from it, accompanied them in their fall, and most extraordinarily was not broken.

The museum has the portrait of De Rosier in powdered wig and frilled shirt, besides a colored medalion in wax. He is styled "the first aeronaut of the universe;" to which title there would be nothing to object, if we were but perfectly cognizant with the atmospherical conditions of every other sun, planet, and satellite in the universe. There are besides, his barometer, thermometer, speaking trumpet, and the wand to which his little waving flag was attached. There is the painted cloth which surrounded the gallery of the Montgolfiere, or flying fire-place, which helped him to ascend; there is a little piece of the taffetas, or oiled silk, covered with gold-beater's skin, which contained his float by hydrogen gas; and that is all the material evidence to be found.

Our readers may remember that Pilatre de Rosier was ambitious to be the first to cross the English channel in a balloon. He had already the honor of being the first man who ascended in the earth's atmosphere, in a captive balloon, as a first experiment, and afterward in one at liberty to rise and wander wither it would, in which bold excursion he was accompanied by the Marquis d'Arlandes. The first living creatures that made a balloon ascent, were a sheep, a cock, and a duck, conjointly travelers through the regions of clouds. Since then, equestrian ascents have been made by terrified horses, mounted by foolhardy men. In all these latter cases, it may be believed that an ass made one of the party.

In crossing the channel, De Rosier was forestalled by *his* countryman (Blanchard) and *our* compatriot (Jeffries,) who started from Dover, and landed in the forest of Guines, on the seventh of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five. Nevertheless, he had drawn upon government funds; and he still adhered to his purpose of passing in a balloon from France to England, as his more fortunate rival had done from England to France. The latter feat has been several times repeated, the former has never yet been accomplished. De Rosier had given the Controller-General of Finances to understand that, if he would pay the expense of the expedition, he (Pilatre) would execute it. His request was granted; he received forty-two thousand francs about $8,000) as a first installment, which was afterward said to be increased till it amounted to the enormous sum of a hundred and fifty thousand francs. Romain, who then enjoyed a great repute for manufacturing balloons, made an agreement with Pilatre, by which he bound himself to construct one of thirty feet diameter, or thereabouts, for the sum of three hundred louis-d'ors. Pilatre, whose business it was to find the work-room, obtained from the governor of the Tuileries the Salle des Gardes and another apartment. The work, begun at the end of August, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, was completed six weeks afterward. Six hundred ells of white taffeta were employed in fabricating this ill-starred machine.

Romain had strictly kept to himself the secret of rendering taffeta impermeable to gas. He was careful beyond measure to conceal his mode of preparation. He worked in solitude, like an alchemist, and was only known to have one single companion of his studies, who aided him gratuitously in the construction of his balloon. The whole secret consisted in covering the taffeta with a coat of linseed oil made capable of drying by sugar of lead, and in pressing it till it only felt greasy in the hand. Every strip was then covered with gold-beater's skin, that was made to adhere by ordinary size, in which was incorporated a mixture of honey and linseed oil. These ingredients gave suppleness to the size, and prevented the united superficies from cracking. A second and third layer of gold-beater's skin were added; and the balloon, when finished, thirty-three and a half French feet in diameter, and ornamented with tinsel in different parts, weighed three hundred and twenty pounds, including the cylindrical apparatus that helped to fill it. So impermeable was it, that it remained distended with atmospheric air for two months, without showing a single wrinkle. If De Rosier had then ascended from Paris, it would have carried him almost whithersoever he would. At the end of two months, the balloon, carefully packed, was transported to Boulogne, which Pilatre had chosen as his starting point. Of course, the packing and transport for so long a distance by land carriage, rendered it still more difficult to preserve uninjured so perishable an article as a balloon, with the little previous experience of managing it that had been acquired A montgolfiere also traveled with it, twenty feet high, whose cupola was formed of chamois leather. It was tested before its departure for the coast, and its success corresponded to the care that had been bestowed upon it.

The montgolfiere, or fire-balloon, was, either accidentally or purposely, directly or indirectly, the immediate cause of Pilatre's fearful end. He had announced some new combination of the means of ascent, which he shrouded as far as he could in mystery. It seems to have been his idea, that the gas-balloon would be sufficient to carry him, while the fire-balloon would give him great command of equilibrium, by increasing or diminishing the fire in it, so as almost to render him independent of ballast. His confidence in the long-sustaining power of his machine was one means of procuring him pecuniary aid from the government. Whatever might be the aerostatic advantages gained, the danger was increased enormously. Either a gas-balloon or a fire-balloon, alone, was infinitely safer than the two united. To crown the whole rash scheme, the hydrogen gas must necessarily float above the montgolfiere. As his friend, Professor Charles, remonstrated with him, "You are putting a chafing-dish under a barrel of gunpowder."

Pilatre arrived at Boulogne on the twentieth of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, followed by the anxious wishes of the subscribers to his scientific Lyceum, and also of numerous ladies of the court, who had requested him to bring back innumerable small articles from England to serve as New Year's Day presents. Two days after his arrival he was informed of the preparations which Blanchard was making in England for a voyage which should compete with his own. He became alarmed He went to Dover; saw Blanchard, and, for a moment, entertained the hope (on account of the dilapidated condition of the balloon, from which the gas oozed in many places) that the rival ascent could not take place. His anxious fears soon resumed their power; he returned to Boulogne; left there Romain and his brother, who had accompanied him, and went to Paris in a feverish state of mental torture.

Meanwhile, Blanchard and Jefferies ascended from Dover, and reached the Forest of Guines safe and sound. Pilatre's pride received a mortal wound at failing to be the first to cross the sea. He entreated to be excused attempting the voyage. Some say that the Controller of Finances consented, merely claiming the surplus of what had not been disbursed about the balloon. But the wretched Pilatre, sure of success, had already spent it in enriching the experimental department of his Lyceum. Others state that when he explained his doubts and apprehensions to M. de Calonne, the minister, he met with a cold and even rough reception.

"We have not spent a hundred and fifty thousand francs," he said, "merely to help you to make an inland trip. You must turn the balloon to some useful account, and cross the channel with it."

However, in the impossibility of fulfilling the first conditions, and under the necessity of at least attempting the second, he returned to Boulogne, prepared for, and evidently expecting, the worst.

It may appear strange that a minister of the crown should be so anxious about the accomplishment of a mere scientific whim—as the balloon passage from France to England would seem to be—and should advance so large a sum of money to further it. But there was more than a scientific result in the background, and De Rosier was probably well aware of it. It was the common report of that day, that the grand object of Pilatre's attempt was to effect the escape of Louis the Sixteenth and his family to Great Britain, by an aerial route, since terrestrial ways, it was instinctively felt, were already closed against their departure. It was already foreseen by acute observers of the signs of the times, that the royal family of France was already doomed. The King's want of energy, Eglatic's profligacy, Necker's vanity, the obstinate pride of the aristocracy, and the wrongs and sufferings of the people, all tended to one inevitable catastrophe. The King, even then, had not a will of his own; his house was not his castle, nor his actions free. He was drifting down the stream with that increased rapidity which denotes unmistakably that a cataract is near. No person of ordinary penetration would be surprised to find him not long afterward a prisoner in the Tuileries, walking in the gardens with six grenadiers of the milice bourgeoise about him, with the garden gates shut in consequence of his presence, to be opened to the public as soon as he entered the palace. He might order a little railed-off garden for his son, the Dauphin, to amuse himself in; but the poor little boy could not be permitted to work with his little hoe and rake without a guard of two grenadiers. Louis's most attached friends, as well as his most implacable enemies, foresaw all this, and what followed it. A balloon was one of the schemes to rescue him; and Pilatre de Rosier was the man pitched upon to manage it.

It was a desperate chance, the most sanguine will admit. Even had they been launched propitiously with a favorable wind, a sudden change of that fickle element might have swept them hopelessly toward the artic horrors of the North Sea, or to the interminable waters of the Atlantic Ocean. We shudder to imagine such a dreadful fate as possibly awaiting a delicately-nurtured king with his wife and children, we reflect, however, that such a speedy termination to their sufferings, arriving at latest in the course of a few days, would have been mercy in comparison to what they were afterward really made to endure.

Pilatre, then, seriously prepared for his departure. He sent off numerous pilot balloons, which were constantly driven back to the continent by adverse west and northwest winds. All this caused considerable delay, during which the balloon, exposed to the wear and tear of the elements, was considerably damaged; it was even nibbled by rats. Henceforward, the machine on which such care and expense had been bestowed, became leaky and worthless, in consequence of ill-treatment and want of shelter.

A better prospect opened at last; and as the wind was favorable, blowing from the southeast, the departure was fixed for the fifteenth of June. As the weather was exceedingly hot, preparations were commenced at daybreak, and all was ready by seven o'clock. A salute of artillery announced the launch into air. The ascent was majestic. The balloon rose perpendicularly to its greatest elevation; it then sailed in a northerly direction, over the top of the cliff of La Creche, when a current from the upper regions of the atmosphere, which had been foreseen by sailors best acquainted with Channel navigation, wafted it gently toward the continent. Twenty-three minutes had elapsed since the ropes were loosed which held the machine captive; the acclamations of the spectators had not ceased; every eye was strained to gaze after the aerial voyagers, when, just as the wind drove them back to France, cries of alarm from the united crowd announced the fearful calamity which it witnessed. A bright light burst from the upper balloon; a volume of smoke succeeded it; and then commenced the rapid fall which filled all present with consternation The scene was frightful; the crowd shuddered with apprehension of what was immediately to follow, and swung backward and forward like tempest-tossed waves. After the first shock of terror, a great number of people rushed to Wimereux, in the vain hope of rendering some assistance. They arrived only to find the adventurers past all human aid.

I can not help entertaining a suspicion that Pilatre de Rosier perished by suicide; that he wilfully set fire to the balloon when he found there was an end of all his hopes. It is true that the almost fulminating arrangement of his apparatus might have caused the explosion to result from accident or indiscretion, and therefore no more than a suspicion ought to be suggested But persons who watched the progress of the balloon with telescopes, assert that the valve of the hydrogen balloon was not secured. Pilatre, too, was a doubly ruined man—ruined in money, and in prestige. Blanchard had robbed him of his crowning ambition, and now an envious puff of wind forbade his ever being allowed to attempt the transportation of the royal family. Pilatre's coolness, presence of mind, and faculty of avoiding impending danger, were notorious—so also were his vanity, pride, violence, and recklessness of life. A man who, in prosperity, could fill his mouth with hydrogen gas, and set fire to it there, and who could expose himself repeatedly to be struck dead in hazardous electrical experiments, was not likely to hesitate when he had to choose between disgrace and despair. His friend Charles had threatened to blow his brains out, if the timid king persisted in forbidding him to make an ascent that threatened danger, and which wisely on his part, was his first and last ascent, or rather two consecutive first and last ascents on one day. We know, too, the immense interest which the court [the queen particularly] felt in Pilatre's success. These, and numerous other minor scraps of evidence, all lead to the inference that De Rosier's death was even more tragical than has been currently believed. If there be the slightest truth in the notion, Romain is even more greatly to be pitied He had refused the Marquis of Maisonfort's offer of two hundred louis-d'ors to resign his place.

The spot where they fell is a very little way from the sea. The conflagration must have taken place almost immediately after the direction of their course was altered. I have several times asked of people competent to judge, whether, if they had fallen into the sea, instead of upon the land, they could by any possibility have escaped with life. The answer has been that perhaps they might. Conceive the idea of talking face to face with a man who had fallen from the height of more than five thousand feet!

LETTER FROM BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, May 17, 1855.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL:—Having a few leisure moments to spare, I know not how the time can be better employed than by giving you an inkling of the doings of the Firemen of the Monumental City, which I hope may prove interesting at least to a portion of the readers of your valuable journal.

The Fire Department of Baltimore, so far as order and good feeling is concerned, was never in better condition, with the single exception of a riot between the New Market and Mount Vernon, (Hook and Ladder No 2) which occurred on the evening of the 11th inst., the utmost harmony and fraternity prevails among the various companies. This, to many of your readers, will, no doubt, be a startling announcement, but which is nevertheless true. The Department is composed of nineteen companies—as follows: Eleven Engines, six Suction Engines, and two Hook and Ladder Companies. [The latter having been recently organized, and proving quite a valuable auxilliary in the extinguishment of fires] Each company elect annually, by ballot, from among their active membership, seven persons, who, when organized, constitute the Baltimore United Fire Department. Three from each delegation are chosen annually also, as a Standing Committee, to whom are referred for settlement all differences or disputes that may occur between the different companies, they are also, by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, clothed with magisterial powers at a fire, or either going to, or returning from a fire.

There is also attached to the Department a Select Board, whose duty it is to take charge of the Disabled Firemen's Fund, and see that it is judiciously expended; this fund is constituted of investments made from time to time in city stock, bearing an interest of six per cent. *per annum*, which is appropriated to the support of Firemen who are injuredin the discharge of their duties as such.

There have been recently organized in our city several Hose Companies, who have made application to the Department for admission, but having been refused, have consequently to support themselves, the City Council peremptorily refusing to appropriate money to companies outside of the Department. No later than the last session of the City Council, a Hose Company, after organizing, applied for the use of the water, but were refused, for the reason above stated, the organization was therefore abandoned.

I suppose your readers from Baltimore have a desire to hear something of Easter Monday, that day being set apart by the Firemen here for the trial of their respective apparatus. The principal point or head quarters was Exchange Place, where the New Market and Vigilant, suctions, and Deptford Engine had repaired for the purpose of testing their powers; after several boxes of water had been thrown, the attention of the crowd was attracted towards South street, to the Independent Engine, just making her appearance on the ground, drawn by a large crowd, the most of whom were boys, who had stolen a march upon the officers of the company, they not intending to give the engine a public trial on that day, in consequence of some derangement in her machinery. They, however, hauled up some fifteen or twenty feet in the rear of the Deptford, for trial, when after throwing some four or five boxes of water, the Deptford claimed the victory; which beat, I am unable to say, not having been on the ground. The two engines then hauled up in front of the Exchange Buildings for the purpose of testing their powers perpendicularly, by throwing over the dome, which feat was accomplished by the Independent, but not by the Deptford. This I have from the Judges who were on the dome. The Deptford members then started for home, their engine completely wrapped in American flags, significant of the victories achieved on Easter Monday, 1855, but which is warmly contested by the Independent. The most intense excitement prevailed among the members and adherents of the two companies—bets were freely offered at large odds on the Independent, but not taken. I heard myself, a gentleman offer $1,000 to $700 and a *bonus* of $100 for the bet, that in the event of a trial, the Independent will come off victorious. How the matter will terminate I do not know, I am inclined to think, however, a bet will be made, as the Deptford cannot consistently back out after claiming the victory, whilst the members of the Independent are sanguine of the result, and willing to stake any amount of money on it. Yours, &c., BALTIMORE.

FROM ABROAD.

New York.—Many of the fire companies in New York have been electing their officers for the ensuing year. The following from the *Sunday Mercury*, gives the list up to the day of the sailing of the steamer, as follows:—

Niagara Engine Co., No. 4.—Thomas Leavy, foreman, John Kennard, re elected assistant foreman, vice Charles K. Hyde; Joseph S. Matthews, secretary, vice Albert H. Cocks, resigned; Albert H. Webb, treasurer, re-elected; Robert W. Adams and Albert H. Cocks representatives,—the former re-elected, the latter vice John Kennard.

Americus Engine Co., 6.—Henry Close, foreman, re elected; John J. Reilly, secretary, re-elected; John McConnell, assistant secretary, vice William B. Dunley, declined; Edward W. Jacobs and John J. Reilly representatives re-elected; Geo W. Rosevelt, Walter Graham and Hugh F. McCaffry, investigating committee; Walter Graham, steward.

Lexington Engine Co., No 7.—G. Joseph Ruck, foreman, re-elected; Sam'l Cheshire, assistant foreman, re-elected; Aaron Quinby, secretary, vice Henry Wilson, resigned; Chas. Williams ass't secretary, vice William B Britton, resigned; Robert Eanever, re-elected; John C. Fisher (re-elected and John Skerrett, representatives; Sam'l Kniffen, Steward.

Manhattan Co., 8.—Robert C. Brown, foreman, Jas. Handy, ass't foreman; R. D. Douglas, secretary; Nat. M. Weeks, treasurer; S. Lane, jr., and J. M. Macgregor, representatives; S. C. Seaman, W. A Waterbury, J. E. Palmer, T. T. Hudson and G. E Frew, trustees; R. C. Brown, R. H. Ogden and J. Kimmons, committee of investigation.

Water Witch Engine Co, 10.—George Kimberly, foreman, re-elected; John Drew, assistant foreman, vice John Trotter, resigned; Andrew Coile, secretary, vice Henry Wellend, resigned; Jas. H. Reynolds, treasurer, vice Nathaniel McKee, resigned; Nathaniel McKee and James H. Reynolds representatives.

Howard Engine Co., 34.—Charles Miller, foreman, re-elected; Wm. Ackerman, assistant foreman, vice Wm Irwin, resigned; John Mick, secretary, re-elected; John P. Hook, treasurer, vice A. Honvell, resigned; Samuel M. Phillips, and John Mack, representatives, re-elected; Jos. Somers, steward.

Eagle H & L. Co., 4.—Nicolas Morris, foreman, vice Thomas W. Wilding, resigned; John J. Slowey, assistant, vice Nicholas Morris, promoted; Lewis Hopps, secretary, vice John J Slowey, promoted; John Scott, treasurer; Chas. L. Curtis, and Thos. W. Wilding, representatives, Lewis W Hopps, Chas. McAllister and John J. Slowey, vigilance committee.

H. & L. Co, 8.—John C. Pecrodt, foreman, re-elected; John Sucock, assistant foreman; Edward Nolen, secretary; Nicholas Goulrapp, treasurer; John C. Pecrodt and Nicholas Seagrist, representatives.

Eagle Hose Co., 1.—James H. Platt, foreman' vice Phineas Smith, resigned; Oliver J. Macy' assistant foreman, vice James H. Platt promoted; Walter Smith, secretary, re-elected; Edward D. Bailey, treasurer, re-elected; Phineas Smith and George Walker representatives, vice Joseph S. Taylor and Henry A Kendall.

City Hose Co. No., 8.—Cyrillus L. Robinson, foreman, vice C. Smith, Jr; David Megie, ass't foreman, vice C. L. Robinson; Scott Bayles, secretary, vice David Megie; John Black, jr., and Jos. Black, representatives, both re-elected; Chas. H. Knight, steward, vice John Letson.

Gulick Hose Co., No. 11.—J. H. Westervelt, foreman; J. B. Hunt, ass't foreman; George A. Henshaw, secretary; D. H. Barton, treasurer; S. H. Gunstead and J. J. Washburn, representatives.

Atlantic Hose Co., No. 14.—Jas. R. Mount, foreman, re-elected; Wm. Miller, ass't foreman, re-elected; Patrick H. Coley, secretary, re-elected; Manual Silva, treasurer, re-elected; Edward Riley and Mathew Collins, representatives.

Clinton Hose Co., No. 17.—Terrence Kiernan, foreman, re-elected; Wm. Connor, ass't foreman, vice Lanty McNulty, declined; Michael Hahn, secretary, re-elected; Thos. H. Halpin, treasurer, re-elected; Michael Hahn and Tho. H. Halpin, representatives.

Perry Hose Co., No. 23.—Vincent C. King, foreman; Alonzo D. VanDemark, asst foreman; Haward V. Tompkins, secretary; John Cooper, treasurer; Joseph Borrousen, Jas. B. Pehune, representatives.

Franklin Engine Co. 39.—Alexander Spalding, foreman; Wm. N. Purdy, ass't foreman, re-elected; David Van Horn and James W. Haight, secretaries; Henry Spear, treasurer, re-elected; Caspar Meyers and James W. Silleck, representatives—the former re-elected.

Alert Hose, 41.—Marco B Dugan, foreman, vice Thomas Breenan, resigned; Charles H. Lintz, ass't foreman, vice Marco B Dugan, promoted; Richard T. Quidor, secretary, vice C. S. Brinkerhoof, declined; James Baremore, and E. T. Davidson, representatives, re-elected; W. Spencer, Morand Dugan and Henry Desshav, investigating committee.

Washington Irving Hose, 44.—Wm. H. Wilson, Foreman, vice J. Millward; Peter J. Vanderbilt, ass't foreman; John W. Hogencamp, secretary, re-elected; B. Creegan, treasurer; Reuben Burgess and J. W. Hogencamp, representatives.

Hose Co. 49.—John Reid, foreman; Wm. Burns, ass't foreman; Wm. Kane, secretary; Ferdinand Kreuder

The Fireman's Journal.

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SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 23, 1855

The Five Commissioners lately elected by the Board of Representatives of the New York Fire Department, were sworn into office by Mayor Wood on the 14th May. On Saturday, the 19th, they presented themselves before the President of the Fire Department, and drew for their respective terms of office, with the following result: Charles McDougal, for five years; (as an old friend of Mr. McD., we congratulate him on his good fortune.) Benjamin Cartwright, four years. Edward Brown, three years. William A. Freeborn, two years; and Wm. Wright for one year. The Commissioners immediately entered upon the discharge of their duties. Their meetings for adjudicating difficulties in the Deparment, are to be held every Thursday evening, and none but members of the press, and parties interested in the trial going on, will be admitted. In connection with the Commissioners assuming their positions, the *America's Own* says, and justly too:—

With the good will and best wishes of the entire Fire Department, the Commissioners will enter upon the discharge of their various and trying duties. We do not, and never did anticipate for them a bed of roses; but, on the contrary, we knew that the task before them was anything but a pleasant one, and that it would be the cause of bitter feelings, and give rise to animosities that, in some cases, death alone will extinguish. And yet the Commissioners must not shrink from a fair and impartial discharge of their duties,—they must throw aside all company-preferences and personal regard, and stand, Brutus-like, ready to do justice even on their own son. Let the sentence meted out to offenders be stern and severe—double the amount they have been in the hobit of receiving—and let the punishment follow speedily upon the offense, so that the members of the Department will learn that no law governing them can be set aside with impunity. It is only by following such a course that the Commissioners can expect to be sustained by the orderly members and the public, and they are now in a position to show the slanderers of the Department, that the firemen, if left to themselves, are equally as capable of self-government as any other public body.

The concluding lines of the above admit of no argument. It is a God's truth. The firemen left to govern themselves—to make their own laws, appoint their own rulers, and pass upon the derilections of their own members, will always be able to maintain their organization in honor and usefulness. *They are* capable of governing themselves, and have evinced it on more than an hundred occasions. A set of men, banded together, as they are, for an object in which self-interest is lost sight of, cannot but be capable of forming their own code of laws, and abiding by them; and we re-echo back, from these far-off shores of the Pacific, the sentiment expressed "*that the slanderers of the firemen may yet be taught that they are capable of self-government*;" and, if good wishes will avail anything in bringing about the desired object, the pulsations and emotions of the heart and soul of every San Francisco Fireman beats with the hope that their brethren in New York may be successful, and that the dull spots which have fallen upon their banner, during the past, may be made brigbt by the prospects of the future.

The *Chronicle*, with its usual poke-nose qualities, in publishing the list of bills passed by the Board of Aldermen on Thursday night, states that three bills were passed for this office, amounting to $183 for printing the Ordinance distributing the Fire Bonds. The statement is false. The bills were for three separate and distinct ordinances, being the Ordinance for Distributing the Fire Bonds, Extending the Fire Limits, and the Ordinance Re-organizing the Fire Department. We feel a delicacy in alluding to this matter; but as the *Chronicle*, with its jealous eye, has seen fit to single our bills out, and make direct mention of them, when bills for its own office and several other journals were passed by, without particularizing, renders it unavoidable. As for the bills, we have only to say, that they are as correct and honest as any which the *Chronicle*, in all its boasted and unpurchasable independence and correctness, has ever presented, and the attempt made to make a point at us, for no other reason, perhaps, than that our symptoms of success are too flattering for the *Chronicle's* vinegar disposition, is contemptible in every sense of the word; but even now, when we have written thus much on the subject, the thought has struck us, that a cotemporary cannot expect any better treatment from a source which denominates the mother as the "she daw," and her offspring as a "Callow brood."

The Fire and Water Committee met in the room of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, on Thursday last, to meet the Trustees of the various Companies elected to superintend the erection of their new houses. There was present, of the Committee, Messrs. Buckingham, Van Bokkelen, Davidson, and Gough, and a large number of the Trustees. In the absence of the Chief Engineer, the Committee declined proceeding, and a recess was taken for a few minutes. Mr. Gough, a member of the Fire and Water Committee, and also a Trustee of Vigilant 9, called the attention of the Committee to the manifest injustice of that section of the Ordinance which compelled the Trustees to give bonds to the City, in the sum of $18,000, for the faithful performance of their duties, when, at the same time, the money appropriated was not paid over until the buildings erected were handed over to the City, complete. Mr. Gough said, that he thought, under such an arrangement, the Trustees were entirely in the power of the City. He should move that the section of the Ordinance alluded to, be amended, so that the money be paid over to the Trustees when the bonds were given. At 1 o'clock, the Chief Engineer not being present, the Committee adjourned, to meet at 3 o'clock, at which time no further business was done. The amendment spoken of by Mr. Gough, was introduced into both Boards of Aldermen, during the last week, and passed, so that now, when the Trustees give bonds, they will have something tangible to base them upon.

The Board of Delegates was to have met on Thursday night last, it being an adjourned stated meeting. The reception of the 'Howards' did not allow of a quorum to be present, and therefore the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

That "gulf" at the corner of Battery and Pine streets is still open, and with its wide capacious jaws, we expect it will yet take in some unwary pedestrian. We now call upon the Street Commissioner to have the nuisance abated.

The Excursion of the Howard Engine Company to Stockton.

On Monday afternoon June 18th, in accordance with an invitation from the Stockton Fire Department, the Howard Engine Company of this city, Capt. F. E. R. Whitney, left on a visit to Stockton accompanied as invited guests, by Joseph Capprice, 3d Assistant Engineer of the S. F. Fire Department, M. D. Boruck, Secretary of the Department, J. W. Lees, Foreman of California, 4, C. E Buckingham, Foreman of No. 5, Geo. H. Hossefross, Foreman of Monumental, 6, J. M. Haskell, Foreman of Volunteer, 7, Cornelius Walsh, of Pacific, 8, Michael Hayes, Foreman of Young America, 13, and H. A. Cobb, Foreman of Lafayette H. & L, 2; Sam'l Brannan, Esq., Samuel Hall, Esq, Col. Kuhn, J. H. Bohn and Mr Rodgers. Prior to proceeding to the boat, the company marched to the residence of Mr. Kohler, on Stockton street, where a beatiful banner was presented to the company through Capt. Whitney, by Mrs. Kohler. The banner, of blue satin, had on one side the following words embroidered upon it: "We shrink not from danger," and on the other the name of the company, surrounding a wreath of roses worked in silk on the banner, and raised about half an inch from the surface. A beautiful bouquet containing 280 natural roses was presented to Capt. Whitney, at the same time Mrs. Stillman. After these ceremonies were gone through, the company marched to the residence of Mrs Handy, on Mellus street, where a splendid wreath of natural flowers was presented to Capt. Whitney. The company then proceeded to Sansome street, and after having received their invited guests at Mr. Pattens in Sansome street, the "Howards" proceeded to the steamer "Bragden" at Vallejo street wharf, upon which they were to embark for Stockton. Passing through Sansome, Jackson, Front and Davis streets, they reached the steamer at twenty minutes to five, and in a few minutes were on their way. A large crowd gathered on the surrounding wharves to witness their departure, cheering them vociferously as the 'Bragdon' moved into the Bay. On reaching Benicia, at 7 1-2 o'clock the band played the "Irish Emigrants Lament," the music sounding beautifully on the water. The 'Howards' were cheered by the people on the wharf, and they in return gave three cheers for 'Benicia.' After landing at Martinez the 'Bragdon' proceeded on her way. Nothing of any moment occurred during the passage up the river, until about 9 1-2 o'clock, when a report circulated rapidly through the boat, that Mr. R. R. Rezeau, one of the 'Howards,' had fallen from the hurricane deck, to the boiler deck of the steamer, a distance of twenty-five feet, and was terribly injured. Mr. R. was one of the most jovial of the party, full of mirth and frolic, an elegant singer, and much pleasure had been anticipated from his companionship, and the news of his accident fell like a thunder-clap on the party, and cast a gloom over all. In falling, Mr. Rezeau struck the right side of his face and neck on the guard of the boat, and fortunately fell inside of the rail; when picked up he was insensible, and remained so for an hour and a half, although, every thing that could be suggested was done for him. By kind and unremitting attention he recovered, and on his arrival at Stockton a physician was called, who applied the necessary restoratives, and in the afternoon he was sent to San Francisco, where he was placed under charge of Dr. Stout. Mr. R.'s injuries will not we are happy to say, prove fatal.

The 'Bragdon' arrived at Stockton at 2 o'clock A. M., when the engine of the 'Howards' was taken ashore, and got in readiness for the ceremonies of the day, she was most tastefully bedecked with flowers, and looked handsomely. At daylight, the deep booming of guns, fired at intervals of a minute, announced to the people of Stockton that their guests had arrived, and very shortly afterwards, Chief Engineer Colt and his Assistants, together with Mr. Charles Powell, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, came upon the ground, and welcomed Capt. Whitney and his command to Stockton. One hour was passed in receiving the courtesies of the Stocktonians, and when the order was given to fall in and the Reception Committee taking the lead, the 'Howards' were marched to the House of Protection Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, where their machine was housed. They afterwards proceeded to the Weber House, where, at 8 o'clock, an excellent and substantial breakfast was served up. After breakfast, every preparation was made for the feature of the day—the procession. At 10½ o'clock, the Chief Engineer having announced all things to be in readiness, the 'Howards,' with their invited guests, proceeded to take their engine into line. On their appearance, the Stockton Fire Department, which was drawn up on either side of the street, opposite 'Protection's' house, made the welkin ring with their glad shouts of welcome. The balconies of the surrounding houses were crowded with ladies and children, all of whom appeared to vie with each other in rendering the welcome of the Howards perfect;—handkerchiefs were waved, bouquets thrown, and every demonstration of pleasure made. The line being formed, the word was given to move, in the following order:

Band: Weber Engine Company 1, with their new Hunneman Engine, manned by about seventy men, in red shirts, fire-cap and black pants. Howard Engine Company 3, with their apparatus, numbering, with their invited guests, about sixty-five men. Eureka Engine Company 2, manned by sixty men; uniform—fire-cap, red shirt, and black pants. San Joaquin Engine Co. 3, fifty men—uniform, glazed cap, grey shirts, and black pants. Protection Hook and Ladder Co. 1, with a handsome truck, manned by forty-eight men, uniform, glazed caps, blue flannel shirts, embroidered. The procession passed down Main to Centre street, down Centre to Levee, up Levee to California, up California to Main, down Main to El Dorado and Channel, up Channel to Hunter, up Hunter to the house of Hook and Ladder Company 1, where the 'Howard's' Engine was deposited. All along the route the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The sidewalks were lined with people, on whose faces beamed 'welcome.' The Stockton Fire Department made an elegant appearance. In point of numbers, discipline, decorum, appropriateness of their equipments, and cleanliness of their machinery, they stand unrivalled in the State when the size of their city is taken into consideration. The San Francisco firemen, were not only astonished, but delighted at the display—they were not prepared for it. After the procession the 'Howards' were marched to the Weber House, where a collation was spread, and enjoyed, and the men left to enjoy themselves as their fancies dictated, until the hour of 4 o'clock, P. M., when the playing match took place between the Stockton companies and the 'Howards.' The latter burst every length of hose, they played through, thereby rendering all attempts at a play fruitless. The 'Stockton' boys worked their pieces well. The 'Eureka,' piano-deck engine, and the 'Weber,' a Hunneman, both splendid pieces of machinery, were worked to good advantage by their men. The piano-deck of 'San Joaquin' also proved herself to be in perfect order. The bursting of the hose caused considerable merriment, as the ardor of several 'feather bed' firemen was considerably dampened. When the playing match was concluded, the 'Howards' were escorted to their home by the entire Department; they then returned to the Weber House, where their band played some of their most delightful airs on the balcony of the Hotel, for the amusement of the ladies. Time having been given for all parties to arrange their toilets, at 7 o'clock the line of march was taken up for Zacatecas Garden, about one mile and a half from the city. It was reported that a lunch was to be served at this place, and, upon reaching the same, the surprise of the party may well be imagined, when, instead of a lunch, there was spread one of the most *recherche* dinners ever gotten up in this State. There being no public room capable of entertaining all who desired to be present, a mammoth canvas tent was erected in the Garden, illuminated brilliantly, and festooned around with bunting, and, in the centre, in large letters of evergreen, were the words 'Welcome Howards.' Twotables, each one hundred and fifty feet in length, and a cross table at the head, thirty feet in length, were set under the tent, loaded down with every delicacy that the taste could desire. Upwards of three hundred and fifty persons were seated. The Howard Company and their guests were welcomed by the Chief Engineer, Mr. Colt, in a neat and handsome speech, brief and to the point. Bills of fare, printed on satin, were handed to the guests, and the cabalistic words upon them freely defined and translated. Wine, of all kinds, flowed in abundance, and the Stocktonians were profuse in their attentions. Speeches were made at the dinner by Mr. Colt, the Chief Engineer, Capt. Whitney of the 'Howards,' Mr. Hossefross, Mr. Buckingham, H. A. Cobb, Mr. Van Syckle of Stockton, Major Hugins, the Secretary of the San Francisco Fire Department, and others. At 11 o'clock the party broke up, the line was again formed, and the 'Howards,' with their escort, marched into town. Numbers visited the Circus, where every attention was paid them by Messrs. Lee & Marshall, while others, accompanied by the Band, serenaded several of the ladies of Stockton. On Wednesday morning, at 9½ o'clock, everything being in readiness, the 'Howards,' with a large delegation of the Stockton Fire Department, were escorted to the Insane Asylum, at the invitation of the Trustees, and Dr. Reed, the Resident Physician. Stages were kindly furnished by Mayor Fisher, for the purpose of carrying the firemen out, and the procession, headed by Alderman Fisher, reached the Institution at 10 o'clock, where an hour was spent in viewing the building and speaking with its unfortunate occupants on the subjects which their thoughts appear to dwell on most. The Band, having played in the yard of the Asylum, several fine pieces, the Company were invited to partake of another 'Stockton lunch,' which, as in every other case, turned out to be a rich and elegant dinner. This entertainment was altogether a private one of Dr. Reed's and the Trustees, and was perfectly sumptuous, in the true meaning of the word. Fruits of all kinds were in abundance, game, meats, and lighter *viands* were inexhaustible. Costly wines and liquors were also brought into requisition. The guests were welcomed by Dr. Reed, and Mr. Booker, one of the Trustees, in very pretty speeches. After some time spent at the tables, remarks were made by Capt. Whitney and others. The Company were then drawn up in front of the private residence of the Doctor, and, having gone through with the customary salutes, the Band played an appropriate air, and the Stockton Firemen and their guests proceeded in the same conveyances to Dr. Holden's Garden, about four miles from Stockton. Here another entertainment, presided over by Dr. H. and his charming lady, was in waiting for the visitors, to which ample justice was done. Dr. Holden welcomed the party in the kindest manner, for which Capt. Whitney returned his acknowledgements. After partaking of the hospitalities of the Doctor, wandering over his delightful grounds, and being loaded down with bouquets of beautiful flowers, the Company left for Stockton, as the time (one o'clock) was rapidly approaching for the 'Howards' to bid their hosts adieu. The 'Urilda,' Captain Clarke, was appointed to convey the 'Howards' home, and strict orders were given for her to leave at 1, P. M. The 'Howards' not making their appearance at that hour, Capt. Clarke left without them, and had scarcely left the wharf when the stages containing the Stocktonians and their friends came in sight; that the 'Howards' were disappointed, it is useless to conceal, for they felt as if they were trespassing on the munificient kindness of their Stockton friends; but that feeling was very soon dispelled, when the Stockton firemen called for three hearty cheers for the 'Urilda' leaving without them—every thing was then understood, and all went on as before. Dinner was served up at the Weber House, and after the Band playing in front of the house in the evening, at 8 o'clock, the 'Howards' were accompanied by their brother firemen to the circus, at the invitation of Messrs Lee and Marshall; here, as at every other place, nothing was left undone to render their stay agreeable. The performances being concluded at 11 o'clock, P. M., the party proceeded to Zacatecas Garden, where a ball had been gotten up in honor of the 'Howards.' There were many beautiful ladies present, and their unassumed modesty and amaibility to the visitors, rendered the scene one of perfect enchantment, dancing was kept up until two o'clock, when supper was announced, and from its richness and splendor, the story of Aladdins lamp, was revived. After supper, dancing was resumed and continued until the bright streaks on the horizon, announced the coming of another dawn. During the night several alarms of fire, were gotten up for the special edification of the 'Howards,' they were not caught napping either, and although we will not say the Stockton boys were passed on the way, yet the 'Howards' were not behind in the race. On Thursday morning the "Howards and their guests" were allowed to recruit their strength somewhat, for it required real strength to undergo all they had encountered for the preceding forty-eight hours. At 12 o'clock, however, they were invited to dinner at the Weber House, which, being concluded, immediate preparations were made to embark on the 'Bragdon,' at two o'clock, for San Francisco. The Howards and their guests were escorted to the steamer by the entire Fire Department of Stockton, and almost the entire male population. The Levee was crowded, and a scene took place that was almost indescribable. Two or three hundred men exchanging hats, coats, shirts and belts of all colors, sizes and descriptions, embracing and bidding adieus. The very collar of "Boxer," the Monumentals' dog, which accompanied the 'Howards' on their excursion, was changed, and that of the 'Eureka's' dog substituted in its stead. At 2 o'clock, amid the firing of cannon, music of the Band, cheering of the men, and the whistle of the steam, the 'Bragdon' left the wharf, and thus terminated the most complete excursion ever participated in by any Company in this or any other State. The members of the Stockton Fire Department have won for themselves an imperishable reputation as gentlemen, knowing full well what the character of a gentleman should consist of. Friendships were made upon this trip which will never be severed until the grave closes over those who enjoy them—associations formed, delightful in their formation, and pleasing in their results—and impressions made of a nature lasting through all time. It will be a very long time before such another occurrence will take place, in which so much of life and lifes enjoyments, will be passed through in so short a time. The Stocktonians have everything to be proud of, and the San Franciscans everything to be delighted with. On the arrival of the 'Howard' Company at their home, on Thursday night, they were received by the largest escort that has ever turned out in this city, there being no less than nine Companies in the line, viz: 'Empire' No. 1, 'Howard' Reserve No. 3, 'California' 4, 'Knickerbocker' No. 5, 'Monumental' No. 6, 'Volunteer' No 7, 'Pacific' No. 8, 'Vigilant' No. 9, and the 'Lafayette' Hook and Ladder Company' Nos. 2. Nos. 4, 5 and 8 drew their engines. The former was tastefully bedecked with flowers, and was otherwise handsomely decorated. At 10½ o'clock, the 'Bragdon' neared her wharf, when a salute was fired by a detachment of the California Guards, under command of Capt. T. D. Johns, they having brought one of their pieces down to the wharf. On landing, the engine of the 'Howards' was taken charge of by Volunteer Engine Company No. 7, the line was formed, and the Procession passed up Davis street to Pacific, to Battery st., Clay, to Sansome, to the house of Volunteer 7, where a collation was spread, after which the route was continued to First street, to Market, where the entire Department partook of the hospitality of No. 4. From 'California's' house they passed on to that of 'Knickerbocker,' where refreshments had been provided, and, after marching through the principal streets of the city, the 'Howards' were escorted home. The escorting Companies looked remarkably well, their innumerable torches adding much to the scene.

We have, thus far, endeavored to give a full and succinct account of the whole affair. How far we have succeeded we will leave to those who participated to judge. We consider it an era in the history of the Fire Department, and have so recorded it.

The Engine House for Young America No 13, to be built at the Mission Dolores, will be a very handsome affair. The building which is to be in the Elizabethan style of architecture, appears of that description to harmonize best with the location and surrounding scenery, and when contrasted with the buildings already erected in the city, will form a pleasing feature. It is to be constructed of the best materials, the intention being to build the first story of granite and the second of brick with the ornamental portions of California free stone. The parapet which surmounts the front is to terminate at each extremity with pedestals which are to support vases. The bell tower, the highest portion of which is fifty-five feet above the level of the street, has a very pleasing effect and adds much to the general appearance of the building. The interior consists of four apartments two on each story, which are to be separated by sliding doors to permit of the apartments on each story being converted into one or two rooms as may be desirable; every provision has been made to afford accommodations for the various implements and requisites of the company, to effect which the architects, Messrs. Craine and England, have made ample provisions in the drawings shown to us.

The report which has been circulated in the columns of the daily press, to the effect that the Pennsylvania's have placed their engine out of service, for the reason that the Common Council would grant them no relief, is incorrect. The company are having the necessary repairs made to their engine consequent upon the collision with the "Monumental," and in order to have them done properly, she was taken off her wheels and axles and placed upon trussels. The members fearing, [as it would require considerable time to complete the repairs] that their wooden building might take fire, removed the engine to a fire proof building. The Pennsylvania Company have had the least appropriation of any company in the Department. They have been put to great expense in procuring an engine and keeping her in order. They have even been compelled to pay for the water they use in washing her. The appropriation the Pennsylvania's have asked from the Common Council is a perfectly proper and just one, and when the matter is rightly inquired into, we think there will be no opposition to its being made.

A gentleman, sometime since, in speaking of improvements that might be made in the management of the Department, suggested among other things, that it would be well for the Chief and his Assistants to be mounted during the existence of a conflagration. We, of course, discountenanced the change, but having seen one of the Assistants of the Chief mounted on a charger, in Stockton, a few days since, with an outrider, leads us to think more favorably of the matter, although we do not wish to be deemed capricious inregard to it.

The "Settlers," in the exuberance of their joy, a few nights since, at the passage of the Ordinance Quieting Land Titles, lit bonfires on every prominent hill of the City, which were the cause of rendering unquiet the title of the firemen to a celebration of their own, as the Hall Bell pealed forth an alarm of fire in the 4th District, which, after a tedious run, was found to be without foundation, although there were 'grounds' for it.

Empire Engine Company 1, now run their engine from the Arcade Saloon on Commercial st. The owners of the house where they were located on Clay street, finding it was so much trouble to procure the rent from the city, that they leased the house over the "Empire's heads," and put the engine and hose carriage into the street, where it remained for several days, until they were located as above. Never mind boys, there is a better time coming.

Messrs. Geo. H. Hossefross, R. H. Sinton, Jas. W. Stillman, W. L. Kirby, and Geo. R. Davidson, have been elected by the Monumental Engine Company to superintend the erection of their new building.

THEATRICAL.

Shakspeare's great play of the Tempest has had the run of the week, and we regretted to see that the American Theatre has been but moderately attended to witness its representation. The play has been produced at a large expense, and with a very strong cast—one perhaps that would be difficult to surpass on the American stage. The character on which depends much of its success, is that of Ariel, which is personated by Mrs. Collins, admirably. Caliban, by Mr. Wheatleigh, forcibly reminded us of Mr. Hilson, in his palmy days at the old Park Theatre, New York. We have witnessed the representation of this play often, but only once before with a more powerful cast, as follows: Prospero, Mr. Barry; Miranda, Mrs. Hilson; Ariel, Mrs. Wood; Caliban, Mr. Hilson; Stephano, Mr. Barnes; Trinculo, Mr. Fisher; and it was performed so cast many nights in succession at the old Park. Some of the characters at the American are equally as well performed as those mentioned—others fall but a shade below. We confess to our not being pleased with our old friend, Mr. Lehman, as Prospero. He appeared too measured in his language, too stern in his demeanor for the part, and endeavored to effect, by the force with which he gave utterance to his words, more than the author called for. At other times he appeared too monotonous, when a flexibility of voice would have told well—speaking whole sentences in one continued tone. Mr. L. is admirable in most of his characters, but when he attempts such as Prospero, or delivers an address to the audience, we almost call it a failure. The scenery, dresses, decorations, &c., as got up expressly for the Tempest, reflect the highest credit on the artists engaged. The play is deserving of having a run for weeks, and ought to draw full houses.

Professor Risley, the Infant Prodigy and Mons. D'Evani are exhibiting their performances at the Metropolitan. We have observed nothing very extrordinary in the Professor or the Infant Prodigy, although they perform their feats with considerable skill; but Mons. D'Evani far surpasses, in his performances, anything we have ever witnessed. A recitation of his feats would not be believed—they must be seen. The man appears to be a mass of sinew and flesh, without a bone in his body, for it appears utterly impossible for one formed naturally to perform such exploits. We can only say—go and see him, and believe.

Mrs. Booth has been warmly received since her return, and she is a favorite with many admirers. Mr. Booth, Mr. Wilder and Mr. Hamilton are always perfect, and are very meritorious actors. (By the way, would it not be a card for the management to engage Mrs. Hamilton, formerly Miss Hamtlin? She is represented as being a fine actress and a sweet vocalist, just the character now wanted at the Metropolitan.)

John Smith, the same famed John who has had the successful management of the best Ethiopian and Circus Companies in America, has become the manager of the San Francisco Minstrel Troupe. With John "there is no such word as fail," and in all he undertakes the most certain success follows. The Minstrels have, also, the accession to their corps of the well-known Mike Mitchell, said to be the best negro dancer in the world, and R. M. Hooley, the violinist, who has undertaken the musical direction. With these, Jerry Bryant, Eph. Horn, Campbell, and others, who can doubt that this is the strongest company on the continent. Their nightly crowded houses, when no other place of amusement will draw, attest their superiority.

Monsieur D'Evani, the famous India Rubber Man, gave a private performance of his abilities yesterday afternoon, at the Metropolitan Theatre, to a large number of the medical fraternity, who measured his chest, when contracted and expanded—the size of his waist and abdomen—sounded his chest and head, and did a variety of other little matters too numerous to mention. The Doctors, on this occasion, agreed, that the feats performed by Monsieur D'Evani were done without collusion with any other parties, and entirely by Mons. D.'s own capabilities. We do not know whether the public will credit it or not, but a complimentary benefit to Monsieur D'Evani is seriously talked of, for his kindness in thus exhibiting himself to those who make anatomy their profession.

We are happy to announce that the liberal hearted management of the American Theatre, have tendered a benefit in aid of the Orphan Asylums of this city, to take place week after next, the precise time of which due notice will be given. We are glad of it. A benefit to the orphans will carry with it more comfort, and be productive of more good to the recipients and pleasure to the donors, than a thousand complimentary benefits to as many "peripatetic stars." We hope, when this benefit takes place, that our citizens will respond to the call of so noble a charity cheerfully, and that the result will be the means of keeping from want for many months, the parties to whom it is dedicated.

We were in error, last week, in stating that Capt. Sherman was in command of the Marion Rifles, Wm. Neely Johnson, Esq., being the gentleman holding that position. The following is a complete list of the Officers of the Rifles:

Captain—Wm. Neely Johnson
First Lieutenant—George R Davidson.
Second Lieutenant—John C. Griswold.
Brevet Second Lieutenant—John W. Ryder.
Orderly Sergeant—Edward A. Rigg.
Second Sergeant—James W. Stillman.
Third Sergeant—John May.
Fourth Sergeant—J. A. Zimmerman.
Q. M. Sergeant—L. F. Zantzinger.
Corporals—Ross A. Fish, H. M. Grim, R. M. Cox, J. M. Davis.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

James Green, the driver of the water-cart which ran over Orrin Derby and killed him, a few days since, has been held for trial, on the charge of manslaughter; and admitted to $5000 bail.—Assistant Aldermen Maynard, Davidson, Piper and Story sent in their resignation to the Mayor on the 20th.—The propeller "City of Norfolk" put into Bodega in distress on the 16th, having sprung a leak.—A great Race took place at Sacramento on the 10th, between "Lady Jane" and "Lady Vernon," for $2000, best three in five. Lady Vernon won the money.—The store of Pahud & Vignier, at the corner of Sansome and Merchant street, was robbed of $3000, in open daylight, on Monday afternoon last.—The Oakland Steam Distillery was destroyed by fire on the 20th. Loss $16,000.—Clipper ship 'Dashing Wave' arrived, her entire cargo consisting of materials for the Sacramento Valley Rail Road.

A Mass Meeting of the "Settlers" of the State is to be held this evening at Musical Hall on Bush street. Several distinguished speakers are announced to be present.

EDITOR FIREMAN'S JOURNAL:—Understanding that the Monumental Fire Company intend shortly to commence the erection of their new building, and as Brenham Place is to be immediately graded, would it not be well to construct in front of or underneath their engine house, a cistern capable of containing several thousand gallons of water, and by that means afford property situated near them, much better protection. Will you please call the attention of the Common Council to the matter, and oblige a property holder in the FOURTH WARD.

[It has been suggested to us before, by various parties, that it would be well to construct cisterns capable of holding 10 or 15,000 gallons of water, in the front of, or underneath every engine house, to be constructed out of the proceeds of the Fire Bond. It is certainly a good idea, and one worthy of consideration by the Fire and Water Committee. A cistern located in such a way, would give an engine command of the street five hundred feet either way, and would be the means of checking a fire in the neighborhood.—ED.]

The following was received, a few days since, by the Chief Engineer. Comment is unnecessary.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15, 1855.

To the Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department:

Sir—Deeply sensible of the efficiency of the Fire Department in arresting the progress of the fire of the 13th inst., by which my property was saved from destruction, I beg, through you, to express my gratitude to the Department for its promptness, courage and devotion. Where praises have been so generally and so deservedly lavished, it is almost idle for me to add my humble tribute; but as I have felt the fire to my sorrow, I feel the more thankful for the protection I have received.

If you will add to the Charitable Fund of the Department the accompanying amount of $50, you will confer a favor upon me.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,
ARTHUR B. STOUT.

Mrs. S. M. Clarke, formerly the Editress of the "Contra Costa," has become connected editorially with the "Evening Journal." It is with much pleasure we welcome Mrs. C. as a member of the *corps*, and we hope that the knowledge of having a lady in the profession, will be the means of exerting a healthful influence over the opposite sex, and soften the little asperities which occasionally spring up among the fraternity. We wish Mrs Clarke every success in her new position, and trust that her residence in San Francisco will be profitable and pleasurable.

There appears to be a great falling off this year in the number of brick buildings erected in this city. Last year there were at least two hundred built, and the year before between three and four hundred, and this year there are not over twenty [if so many] brick buildings going up. Labor and materials are much lower than usual, but there appears to be a perfect inactivity in all such investments. The depreciation in rents may possibly have some bearing upon the matter, but the fact is evident that the city as far as buildings are concerned, is improving but very slowly.

The bell on St. Mary's church, at the corner of California and Dupont streets, and whose tones fall so clear and rich on the air, was formerly on the City Hall, loaned to the city until the church was built. It is an hundred per cent. better than the present City Hall Bell, and its ringing sounds full and large in almost every part of the city. By the way, speaking of St. Mary's church reminds us to say, that during the late conflagration in Jackson street, two of its clergymen worked upon the brakes of California 4, from the time the first stroke of the brake was given, until the order came to take up.

Messrs. G. W. Gibbs, L. H. Robie, T. O. Wagoner, Jacob Ezekiel and G. A. Worn, have been elected by the St. Francis Hook and Ladder company, to superintend the building of their new house.

The backman John Farrell, who was tried before Recorder Waller about two weeks since, for throwing brickbats at Lafayette H. & L. Co. 2, and discharged by the Recorder, although the testimony was positive against him, was arrested on Tuesday night last, for imposing on a blind man who had engaged Farrell to drive him to the Franklin House. The proof being conclusive the Recorder fined him $100 or ten days in the city prison. Had the Recorder punished Farrell in the Lafayette case as he deserved, he would not have been at liberty for some months to commit other depredations.

The compositor, proof reader, or somebody, made sad havoc with our leader last week. They made us say that a newspaper could not "deter," instead of "*alter*" the opinions of the firemen, and that "none" could be attained by patting an enemy, than "*more*." We hate to have our leaders spoiled, they are our pets, and we feel like the man who never wished to see his name in print, but was always indignant when it was printed wrong.

Jerry Sullivan has placed us under renewed obligations for the splendid assortment of reading matter he has placed at our disposal. We have exhausted the vocabulary in compliments for his kindness, and in this instance must go back to first principles, and simply say "we thank him."

There is some hope at last, that the poor will eventually be prayed for, in the aristocratic church, alluded to in a previous number of this journal, situated not an hundred miles from Bush street. On Sunday last, the officiating clergyman as usual prayed for all in high official authority, from the highest to the lowest, and the army and navy officers and *privates*. The latter gives evidence that the next turn of the wheel will give the poor a chance.

Our Baltimore correspondent, whose interesting letter will be found on the first page, writes us in a postscript, that "arrangements are being made between the Independent and Deptford for a test trial, on Monday, May 28th, in front of the Holliday Street Theatre, of which I will give you all the particulars in my next."

The Sacramento Common Council passed a resolution on the evening of the 18th, to permit the Confidence Engine Company 1, to visit this city on the Fourth July. On the same evening the resolution was re-considered, and the matter referred to the Fire and Water Committee. We presume it will not be necessary for the members of Confidence, to obtain a leave of absence from the Council, before they can leave home.

The paragraph which appeared in the *Herald* of last Sunday, relative to a playing match between Monumental 6, and Vigilant 9, was without foundation, no such arrangement having taken place.

Messrs. Freeman & Co., Pacific Express Co., and Hawes & Co., have our thanks for Atlantic papers. To the Pacific Express, and Wells, Fargo & Co., we are under obligations for our own State papers.

As the Common Council of Marysville will not permit the Yuba Company to bring their engine with them, on their visit to this city on the 2d July, without another is left in its place to protect the city during their absence, orders have been given to put the Engine and Hose Carriage in order which was used by the 'Vigilant" before they received their new apparatus, and have them sent to Marysville, and thus allow the 'Yuba' the satisfaction of bringing their handsome apparatus with them. An engine company visiting a city, without the machine, would be like a military company, without muskets.

We have engaged at great expense, a competent person, a relative of "one who knows" and himself well known as a man about town, to write for us the biographies of the extinguished, distinguished men of San Francisco, which we shall publish at indefinite periods of time The first will be the biography of J. Sullivan Squeezer.

Yesterday was a most windy, dusty and disagreeable day. The wind swept down the hills in a perfect hurricane, whirling the dust in clouds into every nook and cranny. The streets were anything but pleasant to pedestrians, particularly the ladies, whose robes were rather roughly handled by the wind.

Crescent Engine Company 10 have elected, as their Trustees to Superintend the Construction of the New House, the following gentlemen: Messrs. James P. Casey, R. J. Tobin, B. O'Rourke, Wm. Farley and J. H. Keller.

Michael Hayes, J. Whalen, M. Lynch, J. C Corbett and J. Denman, have been elected by Young America Engine Company 13, as Trustees, to erect the new House.

The mistake in the tickets of the Homestead Association drawing having been corrected, the drawing will take place to-day, at 10 o'clock, at the Metropolitan Theatre.

Correspondents of the "Journal" will please bear in mind the old rules, of writing on but one side of the sheet upon which their letters are written. It is much more convenient and satisfactory to the compositors.

The body of an infant was found yesterday at North Beach, wrapped up in a sheet. It appeared to have been but recently laid there. The Coroner has taken the matter in hand to investigate.

It is said that a new Express is shortly to be established in this city, to carry letters to the Mines, for 5 cents.

The new ordinance extending the fire limits to Stockton, Vallejo, Front and Sutter streets, goes into effect on Saturday next. No frame buildings can be erected after that date within said limits.

The case of John W. Ryder for an alleged shooting at Sam'l Banta, was dismissed by Recorder Waller yesterday, there being no evidence against Mr. Ryder.

A meeting of the S. F. Press Club is called for this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the City Hall.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

One of the most neatly fitted up stores we know of is that kept by Mrs. Cassin, at 164 Montgomery Block, who has a choice assortment of Gentlemens' Furnishing Goods constantly on hand—together with toilet articles, perfumery, &c., in every variety. We recommend a call on Mrs. Cassin.

Austin & Co., at 115 Montgomery street, will sell, after Monday, their splendid stock of silks, mantillas and embroideries at greatly reduced prices. It may be to the interest of ladies to examine the assortment.

It will be seen by reference to advertisement, that the California Steam Navigation Company have reduced the charge for freight to Sacramento to a very moderate price. $3 per ton is as low as could be asked.

Figel & Brother have just received another invoice of fashionable clothing from the East, which they are selling off at a very small advance on first cost. Their establishment, No. 191 Clay street, is patronized by all the *Ton*.

Firemen can be supplied with fire caps, light, strong and handsome, from four to thirty-two cones, by applying to J. Wilson & Son, 98 Sansome street.

Those in want of ship or steamer stores, can find at the store of Messrs. Folger & Maclea every article they may want. Their establishment is at the corner of Front and Pacific streets.

MARRIED:

In this city, June 14th, by Very Rev. Dr. La Varrier, V. G., William Fogarty to Miss Margaret Theresa Magee, late of New York, formerly of Dublin.

In this city, June 16th, by S. D. Simonds, Felix Raynaud to Miss Annette Schasp, both of this place.

June 3, by E. Wellington, Esq., Eli Mullins to Mrs. Ann Ely, all of Shaw's Flat.

In St. Mary's Church, in this city, June 19, Thos. Callan, Esq., to Miss Mary Callan, both of San Francisco.

In this city, on the 18th June, by Rev. Robt. McElroy, Mr. Henry Whitworth, of Chinese Camp, to Miss Ann Hall, of England.

At the Lexington Ranch, Amador county, by Rev. H. H. Rees, Mr. A. B. Andrews, of Jackson, to Miss Margaret W. Moore, of Buckeye Valley.

At the residence of L. N. Crooker, Esq., at Oakland, Contra Costa, on Sunday, June 17th, by Rev. Mr. Syle, Joseph W. Bond, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., to Susan, daughter of J. Sherman Brownell, Esq., of New York City.

DIED:

In this city, June 18th, Mary Zillah, infant daughter of Edwin L. and Mary B. Morgan, aged 18 months and 12 days.

In Placerville, June 17th, Mrs. Taylor, wife of the Rev. G. B. Taylor, in the 30th year of her age.

In Marysville, on Saturday, June 16th, Benedict B. Dewey, aged 33 years.

In this city, on Monday, June 18th, of consumption, Miss Jennet Harley, a native of Dumfermline, Scotland, aged 21 years.

In Philadelphia, May 14, in the 40th year of her age, Anne, eldest daughter of the late Wm. Quayle, and sister of Robert B. Quayle, Esq., of this city.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, S. F. Fire Department.

$250 REWARD will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who rolled the St. Francis Hook and Ladder Truck from the house on he night of the 24th of May, (the fire being at Rincon Point,) and leaving it in Sacramento street, while under headway, thereby badly damaging it. All persons having any information in relation thereto, will please communicate the same to CHARLES P. DUANE.
je9 Chief Engineer S. F. F. D.

State and County Licenses—For Quarter commencing June 1st, 1855.—Notice is hereby given to persons transacting business in the County of San Francisco, that the State and County Licenses for the quarter commencing June 1st, 1855 is now due, and immediate settlement is requested, or they will be subject to a penalty of from $25 to $200. GEORGE W. GREEN,
County Treasurer.
Office—No. 11, City Hall je6-1m

INFORMATION WANTED of William V. Brown, who left New York in July, 1849, for California. When last heard from, he was at Coloma, El Dorado County. His sister is now in this city, and any one having knowledge of his whereabouts, will please send the same to this office.
(Sacramento Union copy.) je9

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To Sacramento!

From this Date, the California Steam Navigation Company will carry freight to Sacramento at
THREE DOLLARS PER TON,
until further notice.
SAM'L J. HENSLEY, Pres't.
Office Cal. S. N. Co., June 21st, 1855. je23

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—AND—
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Which, added to our former stock, makes it unsurpassed by that of any other house in this city, and which we are prepared to sell at a very trifling advance on home cost.
We have extra fine Frock and Dress Coats, all colors; Business Suits; extra fine black and fancy Cassimere Pants, Vests, all kinds; Davis' and Jones' Patent Shirts, all qualities and styles; Alexander's Gloves; Cravats; Handkerchiefs; Collars; Canes; Trunks; Carpet Bags; Valises, Undershirts, Drawers, Caps, &c. Also—
A Large Assortment of Boys' Clothing.
Those wishing to purchase will do well to call and examine our stock before buying elsewhere.
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Will offer on Monday, and succeeding days until disposed of, an additional lot of
DESIRABLE SILKS,
Mantillas, Embroideries,
And other goods in their line, at prices still less than before—it being necessary to make room for new goods to arrive. Ladies may be sure of getting bargains
Montgomery street, between Sacramento and California streets. je23

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PRODUCE COMMISSION MERCHANTS
And Dealers in
FLOUR, GRAIN, &c., &c.
Corner of East and Merchant Streets,
Between Clay and Washington Streets,
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Gallego and Haxall Flour—Chile Flour, fresh, in one-half and one-quarter sacks. For sale in lots to suit, by DUNNE & CO.,
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Splendid Black and Green Teas—Now landing direct from China,
500 large and small chests extra Green and Black Tea. Having our Tea direct from China, enables us to supply Families and others with choice Teas at wholesale prices. Sample grat is.
je23 BRADSHAW & CO.

Premium Starch—Old Soap—
500 boxes Premium Starch;
700 boxes Old English Soap, 3 years old.
Just the article for laundresses and families. Selling by
je23 BRADSHAW & CO.

Bent's Boston, Water, Pic-Nic, Soda and Sugar Crackers—
300 tins assorted, just received and for sale by
je24 BRADSHAW & CO.

Herbs and Spices.—500 Cases Sage, Sweet Marjoram, Thyme Summer Savory, in ¼ and ½ pound tins and glass.
100 cases Spices, assorted; Ground Cassia, Nutmeg, Ginger, Alspice, Cloves, Pepper in ¼ ¼ and 1-lb. tins and glass; also, in bbls. and cases, in bulk, for Grocers, Hotel keepers and others Grinding our own Spices, persons can depend upon a pure article and fresh ground.
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Coffee—Coffee—Coffee—
5,000 pounds Old Mocha;
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100 bags Manila;
100 bags Rio. In store and for sale by
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Wholesale and Retail
GROCERY DEALER,
Keeps constantly on hand a fine assortment of Preserves; also, 1st quality of Red Wine; in cases and casks. Brandy and assorted Liquors. je23

T. BOVERAT.
BLACK AND LOCK SMITH,
Jackson Street, between Dupont & Stockton
SAN FRANCISCO.
Jobbing done with neatness and despatch. je23

NOTICE.

The Committee selected by the Shareholders of the
METROPOLITAN HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION,
on Tuesday morning, for the purpose of superintending the printing of a new set of tickets to be put in the wheel, respectfully notify the public that the said tickets will be ready in time for the drawing to take place
On this, Saturday Morning, 23d inst.,
At 10 o'clock precisely.
(Signed) ANGUS KING.
J. L. YOUNGERMAN,
J. STRATTON,
C. L. COLBY,
WM. WOLFE.
je23

G. & W. SNOOK,
Tin, Copper, and Sheet-Iron Workers,
And dealers in Stoves, Parlor Grates, Lead Pipe, Lift and Force Pumps, Leather Hose, Brass Faucets, Stop-Cocks, Couplings &c. Sheet Iron, Tin Plate, Copper, Bar Lead, Solder, And a full assortment of all kinds. Particular attention paid to JOBBING, of all kinds. Having always on hand the best of workman.
je23 141 Washington street.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,
San Francisco, June 18, 1855.

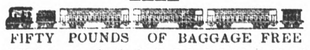
REDEMPTION OF COUNTY BONDS.—In accordance with an Act of the Legislature of the of the State of California, passed May 4, 1852, entitled an Act to fund the floating debt of the County of San Francisco, the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred dollars has been raised and set apart for the redemption of seven per cent bonds of the County of San Francisco, payable on the 1st day of July, 1862. The holders of said bonds are hereby notified that I will redeem said bonds, less Coupons number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, to the amount above mentioned, on the **10th day of July, 1855, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,** at Public Auction, according to said Act, and shall accept such bids as will secure the cancellation of the greatest amount of bonds.
GEORGE W. GREEN,
je23 County Treasurer.

Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s Line

FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS
VIA PANAMA:
By Steamship and Railroad!

The new and elegant Steamship
Sonora,
2,500 Tons..... R. L. Whiting, Commander.
Will leave Vallejo Street Wharf for PANAMA with the U. S. Mails, Passengers, and Treasure,
ON SATURDAY.....JUNE 30th,
at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Entire Isthmus Transit by Railroad



FIFTY POUNDS OF BAGGAGE FREE

☞ Passengers by the P. M. S. S. Co.'s Line will make the Isthmus Transit BY CARS, over the Panama Railroad, which is now finished from Ocean to Ocean.
The completion of the Railroad obviates all the difficulties and inconveniences heretofore experienced in crossing the Isthmus and makes the transit for families most comfortable, safe and speedy.
The Panama Route offers facilities to passengers, not offered by any other route.
FIFTY POUNDS OF BAGGAGE will be allowed to each Passenger, **Free!**
All above that amount will be charged at the rate of ten cents per pound.
☞ Treasure for shipment will be received on board the Steamer until 10 o'clock, P. M., on FRIDAY, 29th inst
For freight or passage, apply to
FORBES & BABCOCK, Agents.
Corner of Sacramento and Leidesdorff sts
The Sonora will be succeeded by the Steamship Golden Age, to leave on Monday July 16th je23

CHANGE of DAYS of SAILING.

NICARAGUA STEAMSHIP CO.'S LINE!
FOR NEW YORK AND NEW ORLEANS,
VIA SAN JUAN.
SHORTEST QUICKEST AND HEALTHIEST ROUTE
THROUGH AHEAD OF THE MAILS.
Only 12 Miles Land Carriage! Macadamized Roads.
ONLY DIRECT LINE FOR NEW ORLEANS.

The favorite steamship
Uncle Sam,
C. H. BALDWIN, Commander.
Will sail from Jackson Street Wharf, for SAN JUAN DEL SUR,
ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30th, at 9 o'clk A. M.
Connecting on the Atlantic with the steamers Northern Light, New York, and Promethues for New Orleans.
The Sierra Nevada has been upon the Government Dry Dock at Mare Island, and has been newly coppered and thoroughly overhauled. Her first-class state-rooms have but two berths rendering her decidely the most comfortable steamer on this coast. The water in the San Juan is high, and it is confidently expected that the present trip will be made to New York in 20 days.
The Company have placed three new and commodious Steamers on Lake Nicaragua, fitted up with sleeping accommodations for passengers, doing away with any risk of delay on the route. For further particulars, apply to
C. K. GARRISON, Agent
je23 Corner of Sacramento and Leidesdorff sts.

WELLS, FARGO & CO'S
EXPRESS NOTICE.
FOR THE STEAMER OF JUNE 30th, 1855.
Via Panama.
Our next Regular Express for the Atlantic States and Europe will be dispatched by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer

Sonora,
R. L. Whiting, Commander,
On Saturday,.....June 30th 1855
—AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.—
IN CHARGE OF A SPECIAL MESSENGER.
Treasure received for shipment [and insured] until 12 o'clock on Friday Evening, June 29th, and small Packages and Parcels received until one hour of time of sailing.
☞ EXCHANGE drawn on most of the principal cities and towns in the Atlantic States.
WELLS, FARGO & CO,
je23 Corner Montgomery and California sts.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
EXPRESS NOTICE.
FOR THE STEAMER OF JUNE 30th, 1855.
Via Nicaragua.
Our next Express for the Atlantic States and Europe, will be dispatched by the Nicaragua Steamship Co.'s steamer

Uncle Sam,
C. H. Baldwin, Commander,
On Saturday,.....June 30th, 1855
—AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M—
In charge of a special messenger.
Treasure received for shipment (and insured) until 12 o'clock on Friday night, June 30th, and small packages and parcels received until within one hour of the time of sailing. WELLS, FARGO & CO,
je23 Corner of Montgomery and California sts

FREEMAN & CO.,
SUCCESSORS TO ADAMS & CO.'S
FREIGHT, PACKAGE, PARCEL,
AND LETTER
EXPRESS.
Office in Armory Building, 124 Montgomery st.
Corner of Sacramento.

The undersigned having purchased the entire interest of Messrs. Adams & Co. in the **New York and California Express,** will continue the business under the name and style of
Freeman & Co's
NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA
EXPRESS,
And are now prepared to transport **Freight, Baggage, Packages, Parcels, Gold Dust, Specie, etc.,** by every steamer via Panama and Nicaragua routes to destination.
We shall also make up an **Express Letter Bag,** and forward regularly by every steamer, in charge of a special Messenger.
Having been engaged in the Express business for the past ten years, and being still connected with the principal Expresses in the Atlantic States, we are enabled to transmit all kinds of Express matter without delay to any part of the Union; also to Canada, Nova Scotia &c,
We likewise connect with **Sanford & Co's European Express**
FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL, LONDON, PARIS, HAVRE, ETC.,
Who forward through with great dispatch.
Our **Second Express** hence, will leave San Francisco on
SATURDAY, JUNE 30, AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M.
By the U. S. Mail steamer **Sonora,** via Panama, and per steamship **Uncle Sam,** same day and hour, via Nicaragua.
Express Letter Bags close at **Fifteen Minutes** before the sailing of the steamers.
All Letters **must** be enclosed in Government Envelopes or they will not be received.
Rates for single Letters, 12½ cents.
JAMES M. FREEMAN,
JOHN K. STIMSON,
JOSIAH HEDDEN,
JOHN HOBY. } Proprietors.
JOHN M. FREEMAN, Manager,
San Francisco,
No. 124 Montgomery Street,
Armory Building.
San Francisco, June 23, 1855. je23

PRUDHON & THOMAS,
CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS,
Dupont Street, between Green and Union Sts.
SAN FRANCISCO.

COTTON DUCK, MANILA & TARRED ROPE & C
We are constantly receiving invoices of Duck, Rope &c. direct from the Factories in the Atlantic States; and to dealers and consumers are prepared to sell at the lowest market rates. Also constantly on hand Tar, Pitch, Rosin, Paints, Oils &c. Blocks of all kinds Oars, Sculls, and a general assortment of Ship Chandlery
ADRIAN & STORY.
a21 87 & 89 Front street one door from Clay

AMERICAN THEATRE.

Manager.....Mr JOSEPH S. DUNLAP.
Stage Manager.....Mr JAMES DOWLING.

THIS [SATURDAY] EVENING, JUNE 23d, will be produced the Original Drama of
THE BLEAK HOUSE.

Hortense,	Miss Laura Keene
Sir Leicester	Mr Leman
Mr Bucket	Mr Wheatleigh
Joe	Mrs Thoman

Pas de Deux, by Mlle Thierry and Mons Barnardilla

To be followed by the comedietta of the
LADIES' CLUB.

Mrs Capt Fitzroy	Miss Laura Keene

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Parquette	$2 00		
Family Circle	1 00		
Gallery	25 Cents	Third Tier	50
Orchestra Seats	3 00		
Private Boxes	10 00		

Doors open at 7½, and Performances commence at 8 o'clock precisely.
BOX OFFICE open from 9½ A. M. till 4 P. M. a14

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.

ACTING AND STAGE MANAGER, - MR. BAKER.

BENEFIT OF PROF. RISLEY.

THIS EVENING, June 26, will be presented the comedietta of
SKETCHES IN INDIA

Tom Tape,	Mr. Spear.

After which, Professor Risley, the Infant Prodigy, and Mons D'Evani will perform their extraordinary and wonderful feats.
To be followed by the vaudeville entitled
COUSIN JOE.
Prof Risley will sing the ballad of "Norah McShane."
To conclude with an entire new feat of athletics, called "The Devil's Promenade" by Mons. D'Evani.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Parquette and Dress Circle	$2 00
Orchestra Boxes	$3 00
Private Boxes	$9, $10, $15, $20 00
Second and Third Tier, and Colored Gallery	$1 00

Doors open at 7½ - - Curtain rises at 8
Seats and Tickets can be secured from 9½ o'clk to 4.

SAN FRANCISCO HALL.

WASHINGTON, BETWEEN MONTGOMERY AND KEARNY STS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR.....C. D. ARBOTT
STAGE MANAGER.....S. C. CAMPBELL

OPEN EVERY NIGHT IN THE WEEK.

THE HALL HAVING BEEN THOROUGHLY RE-FITTED, decorated and renovated IS NOW OPEN to the public as a permanent Place of Amusement. A great variety of SONGS, DANCES, NEGRO EXTRAVAGANZAS, URLETTAS, etc, will be offered each night. The

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS,

Consist of the following well known and celebrated delineators:

EPH. HORN,	JERRY BRYANT,
L. CAMPBELL,	C. D. ARBOTT,
N. LOTHIAN,	W. BARKER,
H. MORGAN,	W. D. CORRISTER.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME EACH EVENING

Doors open at 7 o'clock—Performance to commence at a quarter to 8 o'clock precisely.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle	$1	Private Boxes	$2
Orchestra Seats	$2	Parquet	50 Cents

Box Office open Daily, from 10 A. M. till 4 P. M., when Boxes and Seats can be secured.....Ushers will be in attendance m26

GERMANIA CONCERT SOCIETY.

THE SOCIETY WILL COMMENCE A Series of TWELVE CONCERTS—the Second Concert to take place
ON NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH, 1855,
And every succeeding Sunday. The ORCHESTRA, full and complete, comprises the following Artists:—

E. Schutz,	1st Violins	C. Koppitz	Flute
C. Kohler,		J. R. Kendall,	1st Claronet
A. Fischer,		F. Bohnee	2d Claronet
S. Smitz	2d Violins	C. Fisher	1st Horn
C. Schultz,		E. Schiffel	2d Horn
A. Helwig	Alto	C. York	Cornet
E. Hegelund	Violincello	E. Buchel	Trombone
C. Kuil,	Contra Basso		

Leader of the Orchestra, - - E. SCHUTZ.

☞ MR. MARTIN SIMONSEN, the celebrated Violinist, is engaged, and will perform a Solo every alternate Sunday evening. Arrangements have been made with several celebrated Artists and Vocalists, who will appear in the course of the season.

The Concert will take place at
THE TERN-VEREIN HALL,
Bush st. between Stockton and Powell.
Doors open at 7 o'clock, - Performance to commence at 8 o'clock precisely.
☞ PRICE OF ADMISSION—50 CENTS.

PACIFIC EXPRESS COMPANY

THE LATE EMPLOYEES OF ADAMS & CO., IN CONsequence of the disruption of that firm, have organized themselves into a
JOINT STOCK COMPANY,
under the above name and title, for the purpose of conducting a GENERAL EXPRESS AND FORWARDING BUSINESS in all its branches, throughout California, Oregon, and the Pacific coast generally.
The business will be strictly and solely a forwarding one, having no connection with Banks or Bankers, and will be conducted on safe and economical principles.
The Expresses will leave the office, at the northwest corner of Washington and Montgomery streets daily at regular hours for Sacramento and the Northern Mines, Stockton and the Southern Mines, San Jose, San Juan, and Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Pedro, and the Southern Coast generally, as well as to the Northern Coast of California and to Oregon. We will also run a Regular Express, for freight, small parcels and letters, to and from the Atlantic States by every steamer.
The parties who have organized this Company are well known in the community as old and experienced Expressmen, and hope it will be acknowledged generally that they understand their business thoroughly. They think they are not saying too much when they attribute much of their success of the late firm of Adams & Co., in the Express business to their exertions and personal energies.
In conclusion, they would solicit a fair share of the favors of the public, pledging themselves to exert their best endeavors to transact such business as may be entrusted to them in a prompt and businesslike manner.
Collections of all kinds will be promptly attended to on any of the points mentioned above.
a7 R. G. NOYES, President

CALIFORNIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

Arrangements for June, 1855.
DEPARTURES FROM
VALLEJO ST. WHARF

FOR SACRAMENTO
VIA BENICIA.
....Daily, at 4 o'clock P. M.....

Steamer SENATOR, Capt. E. A. Poole, Master; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Steamer ANTELOPE, D. Van Pelt, Master; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

FOR MARYSVILLE,
VIA BENICIA.
.....Daily, at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS CONNECTING with the Company's Light Draught Steamers at Sacramento. ☞ Through Tickets issued

FOR STOCKTON,
VIA MARTINEZ.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

Steamer CORNELIA, E. Conklin, Master, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
Steamer URILDA, Clark, Master, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays
FOR COLUSI, RED BLUFFS
AND INTERMEDIATE LANDINGS.
....Daily at 4 o'clock, P. M.....

BY THE SACRAMENTO STEAMERS, CONNECTING with the Company's Light Draught Steamers, which leave Sacramento
Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays, at 12 o'clock, M.

Freight by the above Boats must be paid for on delivery. For particulars, apply at the office of the Company, Jackson street, between Battery and Front, to
SAM J HENSLEY, President.
Office of the California Steam Navigation Co., San Francisco, June 1, 1855. } j2

SALOON PAPER! SALOON PAPER!

Just received per clipper ships, Golden City, Aurora, Gov. Morton, Waterwitch, and Boston Light; a large assortment of superior Fresco, imitation wood and marble panel papers, with borders; statuary and centres to match. Also gilt and velvet landscape and high colored saloon papers, with an endless variety of Parlor, Chamber, Hall, and Ceiling Papers, for sale at very low prices, wholesale and retail by,
a28 A. C. MESSERVE & CO., 128 Clay.

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WILLIAM M. HIXON,
UPHOLSTERY, PAPER HANGING,
CARPET & OIL CLOTH ESTABLISHMENT,
Fire Proof Brick Store, 172 Clay St., above Mont'y.

I am constantly receiving the latest styles of Curtain Materials and Trimmings. Window Shades and Venitian Blinds, with the most approved style of fixtures. French and American Paper Hangings, and Borders, wholesale and retail. Houses clothed and papered at short notice.
UPHOLSTERY WORK,
In its various branches promptly and personally attended to
All orders for work or material, at the lowest rates
Steamboats and Ship's Cabins, furnished with neatness and despatch. Proprietors of Hotels and Saloons, will find it to their advantage to call and examine my Stock before purchasing elsewhere.
WILLIAM M. HIXON,
Upholsterer and Paper Hanger.
a21 3m No 172 Clay St., above Montgomery

NOTICE
To Livery Stable-keepers,
Draymen, Grocers, &c., &c.
G. V. HALL & CO'S
CELEBRATED
ANTI-FRICTION AXLE GREASE,
Prepared solely for
Coaches, Drays, Express Wagons,
And all kinds of Wheel Carriages.
This Grease for Omnibusses, Wagons, Carts, &c., is found to be superior to any other discovered; it combines all the blandness of oil with the free, greasy nature of tallow; keeps the axles always cool and clean, and remains on them without application, double the time of any other grease known.
Price, Twenty-Five Cents per Pound.
To be had Retail of all the Grocers and Paint Shops in the city, and Wholesale in 100 pound packages, from
GILBERT & McCOMBE
Oil and Camphine Manufacturers.
67 and 69 Washington street.
je16 Between Front and Davis.

INVOICES OF FIRE CAPS,
From 4 to 34 Cones, for sale, which for beauty of shape, lightness of build, and stength are unsurpassed. WILSON & SON,
je16 Pioneer Saddlery Warehouse, No. 98 Sansome st.

W. B. PEAKE,
FROUR AND PRODUCE DEALER,
No. 11, Washington Street,
Bet Front and Davis,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

C. S. KASSON,
Dealer in
AMERICAN AND CHILI FLOUR,
CORN MEAL, GRAIN, &c.,
94 Front Street, bet. Clay and Washington,
SAN FRANCISCO.
☞ Agent for the Golden Gate Flour Mills

Northern Assurance Company,
FOR FIRE AND LIFE.
CAPITAL,.....$6,000,000.
—Chief Offices:—
London, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow.
Directors in London.
CHAIRMAN—The Right Hon. Lord Ernest Bruce, M. P.
John Abercrombie, Esq., Thomas N Farquhar.
Geo. S. Anderson. Charles R. McGregor.
Buildings and Merchandise Insured on liberal terms.
Losses adjusted and settled by the undersigned, Agents of the Company. SMITH BROTHERS & CO.,
je16 cor. of California and Battery streets.

CAPT. W. H. FOLGER. KENNETH MACLEA.
FOLGER & MACLEA,
SHIP CHANDELRY,
Ship and Steamer Stores,
☞ **Corner of Front and Pacific Streets,** ☜
SAN FRANCISCO.
FOLGER & MACLEA,
FOURNISSEURS DE PROVISIONS,
Pour Navires, Batteaux, a Vapeurs
AND AUTRES,
☞ **Au Coin des Rue Front et Pacific,** ☜
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

REMOVAL.
BRYANT, ELLIS & WINEGAR'S
EMPIRE FURNITURE WAREROOMS,
Have been Removed from 135 and 137 Clay street to **134** Washington street, just below Montgomery

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.
The undersigned have formed a copartnership for the purpose of manufacturing and carrying on the Wholesale and retail Furniture Trade in this city, under the name and style of G. W. BRYANT & CO.
Resident Partners New York:
CHAS. IRVING & STEPHEN CLARK,
No 347 Third Avenue,
Manufacturers and wholesale dealers in Cabinet Furniture.
Resident Partners in San Francisco:
G. W. BRYANT,
M. C. ELLIS,
A. B. WINEGAR,
No. 134 Washington street,
Importers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture and Bedding.
San Francisco, June 1st, 1855

BRYANT, ELLIS & WINEGAR have recently connected their house with one of the oldest and best manufacturing establishments in New York city, who are constantly supplying them by every clipper with every style and quality of the choicest kinds of custom made furniture.
As we manufacture our own goods, we are able to offer to our patrons a saving of one profit of at least from 10 to 20 per cent.
And also warrant entire satisfaction as regards durability and price, as we are offering goods from
10 to 25 per cent. lower
than the same style and quality have heretofore been sold.
Those who will favor us with a call will find a splendid, full and varied stock of Parlor, Chamber, Dining and Office Furniture, and not the poor auction stuff which is generally sent to this market. Remember that!
Also, a good assortment of Gilt and Mahogany Frame Looking-Glasses eight day and 30 hour Clocks Hair, Moss, and Straw Mattresses, Feather and Hair Pillows, Sheets, Pillow-cases, Counterpanes, Comforters Blankets, &c. &c.,
Please call at No. 134 Washington street before purchasing and judge for yourselves. je16

Gilbert & McCombe,
Manufacturers and Dealers in

ANTI-GUM AND SPERM OIL,
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LARD, CHINA, AND NEAT'S FOOT OIL, ALCOHOL,
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GILBERT & McCOMBE'S
ANTI-GUM OIL,
FOR MACHINERY.
3,000 GALLONS ANTI-GUM OIL—OUR own Manufacture—Warranted free from Gelatine, and not to gum on the finest machinery.
For sale in quantities to suit, and in convenient packages for shipping, by GILBERT & McCOMBE,
je16 67 and 69 Washington street, Between Front and Davis.

Great Reduction of Prices

WE HAVE ON HAND and are receiving by every steamer, direct from our manufactory in New York the following articles, all got up in the best style, and of extra qualities;

Super D B Frocks;	Black Silk Velvet Vests;
Super S B Frocks;	Fancy Silk Velvet Vests;
Business Suits;	Fancy Silk Vests;
Black Doeskin Pants;	Marseilles Vests etc;
Fancy Cassimere Pants;	Davies & Jones' Shirts;
Leather Trunks;	Undershirts and Drawers;

Collars, Hdkfs. Hats, Caps, Canes, etc, etc.
A complete assortment of Boys' Clothing always on hand.
All of which we will sell at very low prices. All we ask is a trial.
FIGEL & BROTHER.
j16 191 Clay st. 3 doors from Kearny st

The Annals of San Francisco.

Just received, and ready for delivery to subscribers, by FRANK RIVERS, sole agent for the work, at 100 Merchant street. (Office of Wainwright, Randall & Co.)
"THE ANNALS OF SAN FRANCISCO,"
Containing a Summary of the History of the first Discovery, Settlement, Progress, and Present Condition of California, and a Complete History of all the Important Events connected with its great city; to which are added Biographical Memoirs of some prominent citizens—By FRANK SOULE, JOHN H GIHON, M. D., and JAMES NISBET. Illustrated with one hundred and fifty fine Engravings
The work contains a full and accurate compendium of all important events connected with the city's existence and progress—Historical, Political, Moral, Religious, and Statistical. It treats of matters of peculiar interest to every Californian, and will be an elegant and valuable addition to his library. It is printed on extra fine paper, and contains 824 royal octavo pages, in the most superb style of binding. The printing is very neatly executed, and the illustrations—the work of the most eminent artists in the country—graphically portray many interesting events and localities in the history of the early American settlement of this City and State.
All orders for this book must be addressed to **Frank Rivers,** Sole Agent for California and Oregon. 100 Merchant street, San Francisco, at the office of Wainwright, Randall & Co., Real Estate Auctioneers, House Brokerage, and General Directory je16 tf

MAISON DE SANTE. PRIVATE INFIRMARY.

DRS. NOTT AND TUCKER HAVING OPENED THIS establishment, situated on the Presidio Road (Pacific street,) one mile from the City Hall, are now ready to receive patients. The buildings located on a 100 vara lot, are complete with regard to neatness and comfort with the addition of extensive Bathing arrangements for
Hot, Cold, Vapor or Medicated Baths.
It will be the endeavor of the Proprietors to combine all the comforts of a HOME with the advantages to Invalids, of a quiet country residence, constant medical attention, nursing, &c
The fare will always be of the best quality.
TERMS.—Patients will be received at Three Dollars per day, or Eighteen Dollars per week, payable in advance. Private Rooms, Five Dollars per day, or Thirty Dollars per week in advance. For Surgical operations, and diseases, extra charges will be made, according to circumstances.
SEPARATE APARTMENTS FOR FEMALES, under the charge of an experienced Matron.
French, Spanish, German and Italian spoken.
For further particulars, apply at the INFIRMARY, or to either Drs. NOTT or TUCKER, at their office, No 177 Washington street Stages leave Kearny street, opposite the Plaza every hour, pass the door. No contagious or infectious diseases admitted in this building. a14

PRESTON'S EXTRACTS, CAPERS, OLIVES, English Pickles, Cranberries—
100 gross Extracts of Rose, Almond, Peach, Lemon, Orange, Nectarine, Vanilla, Ginger, Celery, Orange Peel, Cochineal, Cloves and Nutmeg;
50 cases Capers; 50 cases Olives;
100 cases English Pickles, assorted;
50 Kegs Cranberries, 10 gallons each;
50 do do 5 and 6 gallons each;
Just received and for sale by
je16 BRADSH

The Voice of the Grass.

This charming little poem we have lately seen in the English papers without a signature, and published as belonging to England. It was written by Mrs. Sarah Roberts, of Portsmouth, N. H., and was originally printed in the Portsmouth Journal. Mary Howitt, in her 'Pictorial Calender of the Seasons,' quotes it with high praise. It is worthy of it:

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
By the dusty road-side
On the sunny hill-side,
Close by the noisy brook,
In every shady nook,
I come creeping, creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
All around the open door,
Where sits the aged poor,
Here with the children play,
In the bright and merry May,
I come creeping, creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
In the noisy city street,
My pleasant face you'll meet.
Cheering the sick at heart
Toiling his busy part,
Silently creeping, creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
You cannot see me coming.
Nor hear my low sweet humming,
For in the starry night,
And the glad morning light,
I come quitely creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
More welcome than the flowers,
In summer's pleasant hours,
The gentle cow is glad.
And the merry bird not sa
To see me creeping, creeping everywhere,

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
When you're numbered with the dead
In your still and narrow bed,
In the happy spring I'll come,
And deck your silent home,
Creeping, silently creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
My humble song of praise,
Most gratefully I raise
To Him at whose command
I beautify the land,
Creeping, silently creeping everywhere.

EXTRACTS.

To improve the condition of mankind essentially, a way must be contrived for putting old heads on young shoulders.

Hasty ebullitions are often best met by silence, for the shame that follows the sober second-thought pierces deeper than rebuke.

The only way for a man to escape being found out is to pass for what he is. The only way to maintain a good character is to deserve it. It is easier to correct our faults than to conceal them.

The best partners for Whist, the cleverest and most indulgent; for Dancing, the handsomest, and the most amusing; for business, the steadiest, the wealthiest, and the most attentive; and for Marriage—one who combines the qualities of all three.

Yesterday morning, about 4 P. M., a small man named Jones, or Brown, or Smith, with a heel in the hole of his trowsers, committed arsenic by swallowing a dose of suicide. The verdict of the inquest returned a jury, that the deceased came to his facts in accordance with his death. He leaves a child and three small wives to lament the end of his untimely loss. In death we are in the midst of life

SPONGING IT.—The last dodge we have heard of in evading the State Liquor Law, occurred recently at one of our fashionable drinking saloons. An individual walked up to the counter, and demanded a dime bottle of brandy. Now the rule is to charge fifteen cents unless an empty bottle is furnished in return for the one received; and as the consumer laid only a dime on the counter, the extra five cents was demanded.

'I don't want the bottle,' said he, 'draw the cork'

'The liquor can't be drank on the premises,' replied the bar-keeper.

'I aint going to drink it on the premises,' replied the other; and the bar-keeper, supposing that he had some vessel to pour it into, drew the cork, when the gentleman quietly pulled out a sponge from his pocket, and poured the liquor into it; then taking his seat, commenced leisurely sucking it.

'You see,' said he, nodding complacently to the bar-keeper, 'I aint going contrary to the rule, for the law says the stuff shan't be *drunk* on the premises.'

The bystanders came to the conclusion the stranger would make an appropriate governor for Illinois, being decidedly the greatest sucker of them all.—*Cincinnati Inquirer.*

Sometimes it is the misfortune of a city to have an ass for a Mayor. Such was the case about twenty-five years ago with a certain city, which it would be impolitic, not to say impolite, for us to name in this connection. He was so ignorant that the wags sent a book-peddler to him with English grammars immediately after his election; and when he declared he had no use for the book, the peddler said, 'Every body tells me you must have it, and study it, too.' He came into office, and took his chair in stately dignity. In a few minutes, the clerk laid before him a paper, which the Mayor was requested to endorse as one that had passed under his eye. The clerk remarked:

'It is only necessary that you write your initials upon it.'

'My *nishuls*,' said the Mayor, 'what's my *nishuls*?'

Now it so happened that P was the first letter of both the Mayor's names, and the clerk very innocently replied:

'Oh, Sir, merely write two P's upon the back of this paper.'

His Honor the Mayor took the quill in his trembling hand, and, with the perspiration on his brow, wrote 'TOO PEZE,' and the document is on file in the office unto this day!

His orthography was quite on a par with the Western man who had some cedar trees to sell, and put up a sign in his lot on which was inscribed, 'ZETER TREZE.'

WE don't know when we have been more shocked than in perusing the following. It occurred in St Lawrence county in this State, and is given on the authority "of a gentleman of undoubted veracity:"

"A young man addicted to intemperate habits, during one of his periodical 'sprees' took a sudden notion to pay a visit to his 'sweetheart.' On the evening alluded to, the young lady and a female associate were the only occupants of the house where she resided.

"About ten o'clock in the evening the young man arrived at the house, considerably worse from the use of 'beverages.' His strange manner in approaching the door excited the suspicion of the young ladies, who supposed the house was attacked by robbers. He knocked at the door, and demanded admission; but his voice not being recognised, from the thickness of his tongue, the ladies refused to comply with the demand.

"Determined to force an entrance, he commenced a series of assaults upon the barred and bolted door by kicking and pounding. After a number of desperate kicks, the panel of the door gave way, and the leg of the besieger went through the aperature, and was immediately seized by one of the ladies and firmly held, while the other, armed with a saw, commenced the work of amputation!

"The grasp was firmly maintained, and the saw vigorously plied, until the leg was completely severed from the body!

"With the loss of his leg, the intoxicated wretch fell upon his back, and in that condition lay the remainder of the night.

"In the meantime the ladies were almost frightened to death. With the dawn of morning the revelation was made that one of the ladies had participated in the amputation of the leg of her lover!

"The wretchedman was still alive. His friends were immediately sent for, and he was conveyed to his home, where, with proper treatment, he gradually and miraculously recovered, and is now alive and well.

"We hardly credited," says the editor of the journal from which we quote, "the latter part of the story, and contended that the man must have bled to death on the spot, insisting indeed, that it could not be otherwise. But we were mistaken.

"*The leg was a wooden one.*"

FURNITURE.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FORMED A co-partnership for the purpose of continuing and carrying on the

FURNITURE TRADE,

as wholesale and retail dealers and importers, in this city and Sacramento, under the name and style of

HOWES & CO.

Resident Partner, Boston. } R. HOWES, of the old firm of Howes & Co., 180 & 182 Montgomery st.
Resident Partner, San Francisco. } DAVID MOORE, formerly of the firm of P. P. & D. Moore
San Francisco, } 189 Jackson st. { Sacramento, } 103 K street.
Resident Partner, Sacramento. } B. C. NEWCOMBE. 77 K street, Sac. City.

San Francisco, May 8, 1855.

To our Friends and the Public.

By uniting the above three firms, our capital is largely increased, and our

EXPENSES REDUCED MORE THAN ONE HALF,

enabling us to offer you a greater variety of goods, at from **15 to 25 per cent. less than our former rates.**

One of the partners will be in Boston and New York to purchase goods, and will take advantage of the market to obtain such goods as are desirable, at the

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Three years experience will enable them to select a stock that will

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We are now before you with a large and desirable

STOCK OF NEW GOODS!

and shall always endeavor to merit a share of patronage. It will be our pride to give **perfect satisfaction** in

QUALITY, PRICES and GOOD TREATMENT.

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OUR STOCK OF FURNITURE IS NOW complete, consisting of everything suitable for the Parlor, Chamber, Dining-Room or Office. We have lately added to our stock

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purchased here at **Low Rates**, which, together with our former stock and constant additions by

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gives us one of the largest stock ever offered in California. We have **reduced our prices** to conform to the times,

AT LEAST 25 PER CENT.,

as all who favor us with a call will be convinced.

By the addition of Messrs Moore and Newcomb's stocks here and in Sacramento, we can safely say that our stock is the

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ever offered to the public, and that we **cannot be undersold** by any firm in San Francisco or Sacramento.

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Remember the Nos **180** and **182**, Montgomery street Store with Painted Front and Large Signs.

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GEO. C. JOHNSON. je9 tf GEO. W. GIBBS.

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HENRY G. GIANNINI,

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m19 W. S. O'BRIEN.

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Board per Week, payable in advance - - - $14.

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Coffee, Tea, Chocolate, and Milk, each 12½ cents.
Bread.....12 cts
Dipped Toast.....12 "
Dry Toast.....12 "
Anchovy Toast.....25 "
Anchovy sandwich...25 "
Hot Muffins.....12 "
Buckwheat Cakes....25 "
Hamburg Rolls.....12 "
Corn Cakes.....25 "
Corn Bread.....12 "
Fried Mush.....12 "
Fried Smelts.....25 "
Fried Flounders.....25 "
Fried Perch.....25 "
Fish Balls.....12 "
Broiled or boiled Mackerel.....25 "
Stewed or broiled Codfish.....25 "
Broiled Salmon.....25 "
do do smoked 25 "
Soft Shell Crabs.....25 "
Porter House Steak, with potatoes or onions..50 "
Porter House Steak, with Truffles or Mushrooms.....75 "
Beef Steak, with potatoes or onions.....25 "
Sirloin Steak, do do..37 "
Tenderloin do do..37 "
do with with truffles or mushrooms..50 "
Mutton Chop, with onions or potatoes....25 "
Mutton Chop, with truffles or mushrooms..37 "
Mutton Chop bread'd 25 "
Veal Cutlet, with potatoes or onions.....25 "
Veal Cutlet, with truffles or mushrooms..37 "
Veal Cutlet breaded..25 "
Pork Chop with potatoes or onions.....25 "
Pork Chop breaded..25 "
do with truffles or mushrooms..37 "
Spare Rib of Pork and potatoes.....25 "
Broiled Pig's Feet....25 "
Pork Sausages.....12 "
Bologna do .....25 "
Black Pudding.....12 "
Wes phalia Ham ....12 "
Fried or Stewed Liver 12 "
do with truffles or mushrooms.....25 "
Stewed Kidneys in Madeira.....12 "
do with truffles or mushrooms.....25 "
Broiled Kidney .....12 "
do Chicken.....$2 00
do do half..... 1 00
do Quail.....50
do English Snipe.....50
Teal Duck 50

FRESH CALIFORNIA EGGS.

3 Boiled Eggs.....50 cts
3 Scrambled.....50 "
2 do with sausages..50 "
3 Poached.....50 "
3 Scrambled with truffles.....75 "
Ham and Eggs.....50 "
Omelette of 2 Eggs....37 "

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AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDers of the **California Steam Navigation Co.**, held at their office on the 23d of February, 1855,

Samuel J. Hensley, A. Reddington, David Van Pelt,
Richard Chenery, W. B. Minturn, John Bensley,
J. Whitney, Jr, R. M. Jessup, F. F. Low,

Were elected **Trustees for one year from the 23d May, 1855**

At the Annual Meeting of the Trustees for the election of Officers, in San Francisco, May 24th, 1855 **SAMUEL J. HENSLEY was unanimously elected President.**

J. WHITNEY, Jr., " " Vice President,
WM. NORRIS, " " Secretary,
Of the California Steam Navigation Company. je9

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This House has become so well known, that it is only necessary for a gentleman to cast his eyes on his defaced suit, to make tracks for

Walter's Establishment!

And why? Because he can be better fitted and get more Fashionable Goods than any other house in the city.

It is G. F. W.'s only pride to please those who favor him with their patronage. His well known reputation as a manufacturer has become proverbial, and has gained him the confidence of the public; as his only ambition is to please his customers, and not himself. G. F. W. has employed thirty of the BEST workmen, and

NONE BUT THE BEST,

To manufacture the different materials that he has constantly on hand, and he hopes that his endeavors will be appreciated by those who choose him to cater to their taste. His facilities in New York are such as to enable him to exhibit semi-monthly, NEW and FASHIONABLE GOODS, and in such quantities that they do not become stale and old style. He would also assure his customers, that no garment is delivered from this establishment that is not a perfect fit, as every article is fitted on before finishing, thereby avoiding the unpleasant necessity of altering after leaving the store. There is no garment in a gentleman's wardrobe that adds more to his appearance, than a handsome fitting] pantaloon. He has capped the climax in this particular. The well known style of his

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Is unapproachable. He will be in receipt in a short time, per clipper ship "Sword Fish," of one of the most varied and splendid assortment of PIECE GOODS, ever selected for any tailor in San Francisco, amounting to over six thousand dollars worth, selected and bought exclusively by Mr Abraham Lent, of the celebrated house of Crosney & Lent, 753 Broadway, New York, exclusively for our

CUSTOM TRADE!

Samples have been received and are on exhibition. It is a well known fact, that this house now makes more to order than any three houses in San Francisco, and why?—Because we not only turn out more beautiful garments than any other, but they are more practically cut, and trimmed in the most elegant manner. No expense being spared in our Trimmings, they are of the most costly and desirable kinds.

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And have your measures taken, the rainy season being over, this is the time to shine out bright sun.

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Real Estate & Stock Auctioneers
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We respectfully inform our friends and the public generally, that we have connected with our other business, that of

HOUSE BROKERAGE
—AND—
GENERAL DIRECTORY,

And have made extensive arrangements for conducting them satisfactorily to all who may favor us with their patronage.

As these new branches possess some novel features and not having been heretofore introduced in this city, we deem it proper to make manifest their advantages, not only to our own citizens, but to all who may visit our city.

HOUSE BROKERAGE.

This department is an agency for leasing and letting DWELLING HOUSES, STORES, SHOPS, ROOMS and BUILDINGS of every description, and will receive the attention its importance demands. From the advantages derived from the "Directory Department," and having made arrangements for receiving information IMMEDIATELY when premises are vacated, we shall possess superior facilities for providing at the shortest notice, Houses, Rooms, and places of business of all kinds, in any part of the city where required. All persons who may have vacant premises, will find this a desirable medium of obtaining tenants for the same, and their business is respectfully solicited.

GENERAL DIRECTORY!

This department will include a REGISTRY, (already prepared) of all persons (except Chinese) within the limits of the city; by reference to which we will be enabled to give the name and residence of all Merchants, Mechanics, Artists, Professional men, Laborers, and those out of business, which will be continually corrected as they change their residence, and will receive additions from time to time, as new comers arrive.

We consider the information which our register will afford to be of essential importance, as well to our own community as to strangers, from the fact of changes occurring so frequently among us, and it having been demonstrated that published Directories are nearly useless in a month or two after being issued. This, with other information in our possession, enables us to present a COMPLETE EPITOME of the entire city, which we shall keep "posted up" to keep pace with the movements of its inhabitants.

This department will be under the supervision of an agent who has had a large experience in this branch, here and elsewhere.

To give an idea of our REGISTRY, we may mention that up to the present time it contains the name and address of **forty-three thousand persons,** with their places of nativity, occupation, etc., which has required several months of labor to compile.

We invite the attention of the public to our establishment.

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A SUPERB LUNCH

Will be served up every day and evening.

The OLD HOUSE, southwest corner of Montgomery and Commercial streets, will be conducted as heretofore. je9

ORDINANCES.

ORDINANCE 813—POVIDING FOR THE distribution of the Fire Boad Fund—for the erection of Engine Houses—and other purposes

The People of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows:—

SEC. 1. That the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the City Treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, viz:

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Empire Engine Co. No 1, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Sacramento street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Empire Engine Co. No 4, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Market street, near Sansome street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Monumental Engine Co. No 6, on a lot purchased by this ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Brenham Place, near Clay street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Volunteer Engine Co No. 7, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Pine street, near ——— street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Jackson street, near Front street, the sum of seven thousand dollars

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Vigilant Engine Co No 9, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Stockton street, near Broadway, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, situated on Pacific street, near Kearny street, the sum of sixty five hundred dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the useof Columbian Engine Co. No. 11, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company situated on Bush street, near Kearny street the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Pennsylvania Engine Co. No. 12, on a lot purchased by ordinance or the use of said company, situated on Jackson street near Kearny, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of an engine house for the use of Young America Engine Co. No. 13, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Centre street, near Valencia street, the sum of sixty-five hundred dollars.

For the erection of a hook and ladder house for the use of Hook and Ladder Company St. Francis No. 1, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Dupont street, near Sacramento street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of a hook and ladder house for the use of Hook and Ladder Co. Lafayette No 2, on a lot purchased by ordinance for the use of said company, situated on Broadway, near Stockton street, the sum of seven thousand dollars.

For the repairs of an engine house located on Merchant street, near Sansome street, now occupied by Howard Engine Company No. 3 the sum of four thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the purchase of the right, title and interest of Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, in and to an engine house now occupied by Knickerbocker Engine Co. No. 5, situated on Clements st. near Sansome, and to eight inches of ground running the full depth of the lot upon which said house is located.

SEC. 3. That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the city treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the purchase of the right, title and interest of Monumental Engine Co. No. 6, in and to a lot on Brenham Place, now in the use and possession of said Company.

SEC. 4. That the sum of thirty five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the money now in the hands of the City Treasurer, derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds, for the relief of Sansome Hook and Ladder Company No. 3.

SEC. 5. Within ten days after the passage of this ordinance, each of the companies named in section 1st, shall elect a Board of Trustees, to consist of the foreman of the company, (who shall be ex officio chairman of said Board) and four of its members; the same to constitute a Building Committee of the company. It shall be their duty to procure as soon as practicable, plans and specifications for the erection of suitable houses for the use of their respective companies, and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No 3, plans and specifications for the suitable repairs of their building now occupied by them, and submit the same, together with the estimates of at least two responsible builders, of the probable cost of the same, to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer of the Department, for their approval.

Whenever the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer shall have approved any plan or specification so submitted, the said Trustees shall be and are hereby authorized to contract for the erection of a building, and in the case of Howard Engine Co No. 3, to contract for the repair of a building, according to said approved plans and specifications; Provided however that they first enter into a bond with good and sufficient sureties in double the estimated cost of said building, or said repairs, that they will cause said building to be erected or said repairs to be made in accordance with said plans and specifications, within sixty days after the date of said approval; that no liens for labor or material shall accrue against the said building; that no claims against the same for extras or additional work shall exist on the part of the Trustees, the company, or any person or persons, and that the same shall be solely the property of the City of San Francisco.

SEC. 6. In case any of the Companies named in section 1st of this Ordinance, fail to comply with the provisions of section 5th, it shall then be the duty of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer, at the expiration of ten days succeeding the passage of this Ordinance, to adopt a plan and specifications for the erection of a building for the use of the company so failing and in the case of Howard Engine Co. No 3, for the repairs of the building now occupied by them, and upon the adoption of said plan and specifications, to advertise for ten days in at least two of the daily newspapers, for proposals for the erection or repair of the same in accordance with said plans and specifications. Said proposals to be accompanied by the names of at least two responsible sureties, and to be opened by the Chief Engineer in the presence of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, the contract to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, PROVIDED HOWEVER, the lowest responsible bid shall not exceed the amount appropriated for the erection or repair of a building for the use of said Company by this Ordinance.

SEC. 7. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the City Treasurer, payable out of the money now in his hands derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds for the sums named in Section 1st of this Ordinance, upon the orders of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and the Chief Engineer, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that no warrant shall be drawn for the payment of the cost of any building until the same shall have been completed and delivered over to the city; and provided, that where the contract shall have been executed by the Chief Engineer and the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, the warrant for the same shall not exceed the amount specified in said contract.

SEC. 8. The City Comptroller is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the City Treasurer, payable out of the money now in his hands derived from the sale of the Fire Bonds in favor of the foreman of the respective companies, for the sums named in Sections 2nd, 3d and 4th of this Ordinance, upon the orders of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water.

SEC. 9. It is hereby made the duty of the Chief Engineer to superintend the erection of the buildings provided for in this Ordinance.

HENRY HAIGHT,
President pro tem of Board of Assistant Aldermen.
JOS. F ATWILL,
President of Board of Aldermen.
Approved, June 9th, 1855.
S P. WEBB, Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally, and returned by the Mayor with his approval, dated May 16 1855
je16 T. M. J. DEHON, Clerk

ORDINANCE 816, REPEALING SECTION 1 of Ordinance No. 282, Revised City Ordinance of the City of San Francisco, and inserting a substitute.

SEC. 1. That section 1 of Ordinance No. 282 Revised City Ordinances of the City of San Francisco, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following inserted as a substitute:

"Section 1. All dwelling houses, stores or other buildings whatsoever, except such as are hereinafter provided for, which, after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall be built or erected within that part of the city of San Francisco bounded as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the N. W. corner of Market and Davis streets, running thence northerly along the western line of Davis street, to the S. W. corner of Davis and Washington streets, thence westerly along the southern line of Washington street to the S. W. corner of Washington and Front streets, thence northerly along the western line of Front street to the southwest corner of Front and Vallejo streets, thence westerly along the southerly line of Vallejo street to the S. E corner of Vallejo and Battery streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Battery street to the S. E corner of Battery and Broadway streets, thence westerly along the southern line of Broadway street to the S. E corner of Broadway and Stockton streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Stockton street to the N. E corner of Stockton and California streets, thence easterly along the northern line of California street to the N. E corner of California and Dupont streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Dupont street to the N. E. corner of Dupont and Sutter streets, thence easterly along the northern line of Sutter street to the N E corner of Sutter and Kearny streets, thence southerly along the eastern line of Kearny street to its intersection with Market street, thence north-easterly along the northern line of Market street to the place of beginning," shall be made and constructed of stone or brick with party or fire walls, rising at least two feet above the roof, and shall be covered with brick, slate, tile, cement, or other safe material against fire

HENRY HAIGHT,
Present pro tem. of Board of Assistant Aldermen.
JOS. F. ATWILL,
President of Board of Aldermen.
Approved, June 12, 1855.
S. P. WEBB, Mayor.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance passed the Common Council finally, and returned by the Mayor with his approval dated June 12, 1855.
je16 T. M. J. DEHON, Clerk.

DR. T. R. SPEAR,

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